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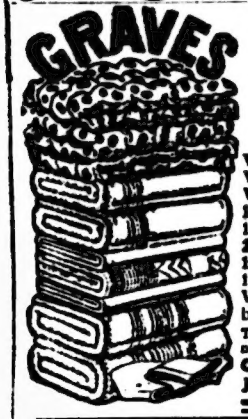

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ABERTYSSWG, MON.—W. HARRISON, 11, Warns Terrace.
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BRISTOL.—F. SUMMERELL, 11, Dean Lane, Southville.
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Read these Letters

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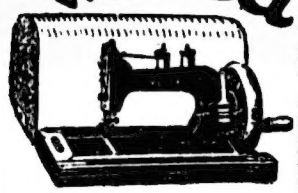

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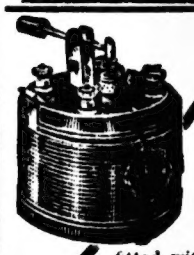

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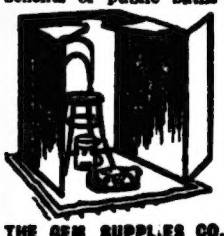

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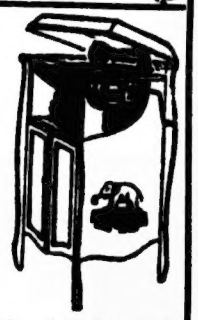

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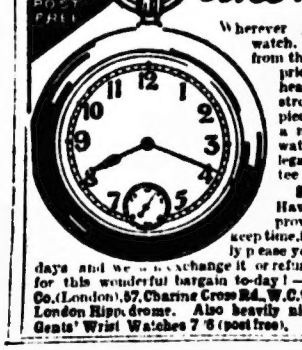

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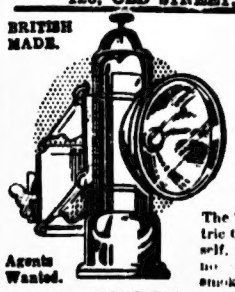

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A Good Lead.
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Despite their bold front, the farmers have capitulated to the retailers, and 7½d. a quart is to be the winter price of milk. Yet they expect public help and sympathy!

We'll Tell!
"Why," wails the *Daily Mirror*, "should tea be dearer?" Because there is deliberate restriction of crops, and profit-making to the tune of anything from 40 to 108 per cent.

Breaking the Rings.
The high cost of living and the problem of the profiteers are being tackled at last—by the French Government. To our own Government there apparently appears to be no problem.

Good for Trade.
Behind the scenes the Government is trying to induce the railway companies to reduce both passenger fares and freights. Can't a little pressure be applied?

Too Late!
"Pure food is the slogan of 1924," says Lord Leverhulme. Once John Bull starts a thing going the rapidity with which it spreads is amazing!

Piffling Pedantry.
Some 35,000 ex-Service "temporaries" in the Civil Service, who have done satisfactory work for three years, have now to pass an examination if they wish to retain their jobs. What nonsense!

Parsimonious Reaction.
The fresh attack on teachers' salaries must be vigorously repulsed. Education is the State's most important function, and its teachers have never yet had the remuneration they deserve.

Criminal Neglect.
Each year 40,000 people in Great Britain die of tuberculosis. Doctors now agree that tuberculosis is a preventable disease. Why does the Ministry of Health boycott the Spahlinger treatment?

Shortsighted Drift.
Each year 600,000 untrained children are thrown on to a labour market that cannot absorb them. Such a state of things is no credit to an organised society like ours.

Too Much Officialdom.
Recent revelations of the disgraceful state of cross-Channel traffic indicate that someone badly needs gingering up. We have our own little Ellis Island at Dover. There seems to be an urgent need for investigation.

Misguided Leniency.
Night club prosecutions, which end in a harmless fine, are becoming a farce. When will magistrates do their duty and send these harpies to cool their heels in prison?

Back Him Up!
The disgraceful export of worn-out horses is increasing enormously. When Sir Guy Gaunt introduces his Bill to stop it, there must be no opposition to its passage.

It Only Costs £1.
In 1913 there were 839 new money-lenders registered. Last year there were 1,862 added to the tribe of Shylock. Time indeed that legislation was initiated!

The Only Remedy.
Convictions against drunken motorists grow steadily in number. It is the one crime that would justify permanent cancellation of licences.

The Week's Best Joke.
The *Daily Mail* has spent a week shrieking that teachers are an overpaid body. Lord Rothermere is no fool. He knows that an intelligent society means the end of the Press trust.

Customs and Wages.

In these days of high prices 46s. 6d. weekly for a man with a family is not a living wage, but a sweated pittance. Yet this is the wretched sum which His Majesty's Government has the hardihood to pay to certain grades of the Customs' service. This ought not to be good enough for a Labour Ministry with a reputation to lose.

Football Hooliganism.

Cowardly and unsportsmanlike attacks on football referees are becoming shockingly frequent. For the most part they are the work of hooligans who know little or nothing of the science of the game and whose chief interest in it is as a medium of betting. The sooner a few of these ruffians are sent to prison the better for all.

Glorious Dead.

The battlefields of the Great War discovered no finer hero than John Greenan, the ex-signalman who lost his life in the recent farm fire at Dundonald, Ayrshire. Easily, and without anything that could have been called cowardice, Greenan could have avoided his terrible fate. But there were women in the burning loft. "I am going back again to see what I can do," he cried, and was never again seen alive.

Cruel Slaughtering.

We are at loss to understand the objection of a section of the journeymen butchers to the use of the humane killer. The argument that this patent device is dangerous to the men who use it will not bear examination. A slaughterman can learn to use the humane killer skilfully and safely without practising on living animals, as he must do before he can wield the brutal pole-axe, whose employment should be forbidden by law.

The Right Type.

Two Ilford Boy Scouts, Leo McCormack, thirteen, and George Ranger, eighteen, are made of the right stuff. With Thomas Coomber, sixteen, they were bathing in a pond at Cranham. Coomber got into difficulties. They went to him, but time and again they were dragged under. At last they got him near the bank, but he had exhausted them, and sank. McCormack had another try, but when Coomber was found he was dead. The two lads could not have done more.

Left to Die Alone.

George Brett, a horseman, lay dying on Wallasea Island, Essex. His moans disturbed the beauty sleep of two fellow workmen, who shared the same room. Though Brett explained that he was very ill, the callous brutes slunk off, without attempting to get assistance, or do anything for the dying man, and finished their precious sleep in a neighbouring barn. Brett was found dead in the morning. He had died alone. Savages could not have behaved worse than the two brutes who left him to his fate.

Starving the Shepherd.

We do not expect men to enter the Christian ministry for personal gain, but we have never heard of self-sacrifice in such heroic measure being demanded of a pastor as is required by the Congregationalists at Broadway, Ilminster, Somerset. These people advertise for a minister, offering a stipend of £25 yearly! It is true there is a manse worth £30 a year attached to the pastorate, but the salary will not suffice to fill the larder. How can a shepherd devote himself to his flock if he is starving?

The Crimson Stain.

Almost as soon as the ceremony of unveiling the Hull cenotaph was over a heavy rainstorm dyed the wreaths of artificial poppies which had been placed on the plinth of the monument in memory of the fallen and the dye ran out, staining the white stone a deep red. Workmen endeavoured, without much success, to remove these stains, but we think they might well be left as a warning to the citizens of Hull of the blood their sons shed "in Flanders fields, where poppies blow between the crosses row on row."

Eat More Ice Cream!

An uncovered pail of milk on a sink, swarms of infection-spreading flies, and a house shockingly dirty, are sorry details of the disturbing conditions under which Albert Robinson, of Allerton Road, Bradford, has manufactured ice-cream. And the fact that he has been fined may prompt other menacers of health to clean their places without delay.

The Sham Marriage Market.

At the request of Scotland Yard, the French police have taken up the question of the traffic in English husbands for French undesirable women eager to get into this country. Our own authorities are alive to the menace of these pre-minute marriages in which men, paid for their services, part from the "brides" at the door of the register office, thus giving the wives the status of a British subject.

Housing Hints.

The Minister of Health ought to know by this time that houses can be built from many other things besides bricks and mortar. The other day Lord Weir was talking about steel houses for £350. Since then a Glasgow firm of builders has entered the field with an offer of large scale production on even lower terms. Is Mr. Wheatley subjecting these proposals to practical tests or merely allowing them to choke his pigeon-holes?

The Human Machine.

MEN AS GODS

by E. R. Thompson, M.A.

IT is characteristic of the Human Machine that it is full of contradictions. Take sight, for example.

The human eye—regarded simply as a piece of mechanism—would be unhesitatingly condemned by any self-respecting optician. Mechanically, it is open to criticism at almost every point. Yet, when it comes to seeing, its ability to perform its work is miraculous.

So with the more intangible yet equally potent attributes of the machine. Side by side with incredible strength we find incredible weakness.

It is a curious paradox that a mind and a brain capable of overcoming terrific obstacles, of guiding the destinies of nations or subjugating Nature to its will, not infrequently finds itself incapable of resisting quite minor temptations.

Weakness is not a thing of which we need be ashamed. But there is no greater shame than to allow this weakness to conquer us.

Inherent in our make-up are infinite possibilities. We are weak or we are strong just in so far as we dominate our circumstances or allow circumstances to be our master.

Not that to ride rough-shod over everybody and everything is necessarily a mark of the strong man.

Often it is merely the mark of the bully, the dully obstinate and unreasoning, the selfish and unfeeling.

The Cæsars, Napoleons and Mussolinis of the world count for little beside the Platos, the Socrates and the Christs.

Small wonder it has been said that man is but a little lower than the angels, since he can reason and choose.

Man is master of his fate. He can shape the world to his own ends.

But he can only do this by the conscious realisation that his will is both his sword and his shield

A Lesson in Justice.

Arrested in the morning, before nightfall a young scoundrel named Allan Weevie was serving a life sentence for criminally assaulting a little girl of eleven. That happened in Richmond, Ind., U.S.A. We do not, as a rule, care to go to America for lessons in justice, but we commend this instance to the consideration of local magistrates who display such unaccountable leniency in dealing with such offences.

A Child's Terror.

When William George Blackwell, aged seventy-six, of 44, Springdale Road, Stoke Newington, N., was charged with an assault upon a little girl of four, it was stated that the child was too terrified to be called to give evidence, and the magistrate discharged the accused with a warning to leave little girls alone in future. It seems a shocking thing that an innocent child should be reduced to such a condition of terror and no one be punished for it.

Devil's Disciples.

"Birth control is the devil's gospel," says Father Day, of Leigh. "It dishonours and defrauds marriage, defiles love, and perpetuates race suicide and murder!" An indictment which may be true of some who exercise it for butterfly reasons, but not in its application to women who, for reasons they know, dread the possible sufferings of any children they bear. The sacrifice of motherhood is the greatest many true women make.

The Maimed Hero.

A Liverpool ex-soldier, named Carr, sacrificed a hand for Britain in the war, and because of his handicap was unable to carry on as a docker. With only 34s. a week from all sources to keep his wife and five little kiddies, he has got in arrears with his rent; and has been turned out of his home in Back Grafton Street. What does Liverpool intend to do for its maimed hero? If the family are forced into the workhouse the cost to the city will be £5 or £6 a week.

A Letter Worth £2 a Week.

Mr. William Morris, of 251, Rochdale Road, Oldham, was invalided out of the Army with gun-shot wounds in the head and arm, and for a time received a pension. After a while this was stopped on the ground that the paralysis from which he was suffering was not due to his wounds or service, but to pre-war disease. In his distress he wrote to us. His letter proved to be worth £2 a week to him, for following our taking up the matter he has been awarded a maximum pension. If you are in any kind of trouble, write to JOHN BULL about it.

Postmistresses in Peril.

Again we have to record a dastardly assault on an elderly female employee of the Post Office, Miss Calvert, the postmistress at Peel Green, Manchester, having been murderously attacked in her bed by a burglar. The good woman fought pluckily in defence of the property in her care, and even pursued her assailant after she was badly wounded, but we recommend the Postmaster-General to consider seriously whether old ladies should be allowed to continue in charge of public offices which naturally afford attractive temptation to cowardly thieves.

How We Live.

Among cases of overcrowding quoted by Dr. G. H. Dupont, M.O.H. for Twickenham, is the following: "Small cottage consisting of two living-rooms, two bedrooms and a small attic, occupied by two families. First family consists of father, mother, four girls—eleven, fourteen, sixteen and eighteen, and two boys—ten and fifteen, occupying a living-room and one bedroom. Second family consisting of father, mother, two girls—ten and nineteen, and two boys—fourteen and seventeen, occupying kitchen, bedroom and small attic." What chance is there of making good citizens of families brought up in such appalling conditions?

The Hanging Enquiry.

John Ellis nearly ended his life by suicide as the result of his mind being affected by hanging ordeals, and a warder whose mind suffered in the same way after many experiences of death sentences being carried out has just taken his life. These facts emphasise the need for immediate speeding up of the enquiry into the hanging horror.

Sam's Uplift.

The gushing uplift of American citizens, films, plays and books which jars upon us whenever it is thrust under our noses is mere humbug. Figures prove that the murders per hundred thousand of the population in U.S.A. are 7.2. In Great Britain they are 0.7—less than one-tenth. In view of this fact we advise the "world soul savers" to mop up their own uplift and give over exporting it!

It Pays to Offend.

Milk retailers who get off with a £1 fine for adulteration are extremely lucky. This offence is as mean as stealing the penny from the blind man's can, for it robs the poor. At York this fine was inflicted on Gertrude Tuvey and a similar "punishment" was meted out to Metcalf Parker, of Ripley. This is mistaken leniency—offences of this nature should be punished severely.

Confidence Men.

For some time past the American authorities have been making full enquiries into the activites of the confidence men who prey on American visitors to Europe between London and Paris, and a report embodying the main conclusions reached has been sent to Washington. Its conclusions are sufficiently startling as a revelation of the manner in which these rascals work as to suggest that they are making fools of the police.

Should a Girl be Told?

Although she is nineteen years of age and old enough to become a mother, Hilda Whitehead of York, was not old enough to be told how children are born. And so her babe is dead. Whitehead is a domestic servant, and although in pain, did not send for a doctor; the child was born and was so injured that it died. The mother's pitiful cry at the inquest was: "No one has ever told me how children are born." Such ignorance is criminal.

Comparisons are Odious.

When one of our registered readers broke his arm he found consolation in the fact that he was insured with JOHN BULL and a well-known daily paper. He claimed on both, and without any unnecessary correspondence JOHN BULL met the claim in full. The daily paper, however, conducted correspondence for three months and eventually offered only half the rightful claim. The moral is obvious.

Who Wants a Job?

Someone living at 6, Nightingale Road, Southsea, is eager to find a man work. Regarding the wages offered the less said the better. The advertisement runs: "Male cook and other domestic work, daily, 7.30 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.; wages 15s. per week; food, clothes for use on duty, provided; abstainer preferred." The successful applicant will need to be an abstainer. Twopence an hour will not give him much chance of riotous living.

The Wiles of the Iles.

Two individuals named F. Iles and H. Iles, the former of whom proclaims himself the "Principle" (!) while the latter, who adds after his name the strange-looking string of initials "B.A.G.U.E.I.," is described as "Secretary," and running a concern called "The Ideal Institute," at 1, Boultons Road, Kingswood, Bristol. They advertise homework of an unspecified nature, asking applicants for 2s. 9d. for "equipment," which they promise to exchange for goods to the same value if the work is not undertaken. We do not recommend our readers to succumb to the wiles of the Iles.

Problems of Life.

LOVELESS LIVES by the Rev. R. J. Campbell, D.D.

Thomas Hardy.

MAURICE HEWLETT'S Wiltshire Essays contain some curious reflections on elemental human nature.

One of the things to which special attention is drawn therein is the strange lack of affection in many west country peasant homes, combined with a strict observance of immemorial habit and custom.

They toil on, these humble folk, day in day out, from childhood to senility, without so much as a spark of romance in their drab existence.

They take their lot for granted, and fulfil their appointed part in the common life as all their forebears have done; they conform closely to what is required by tradition in this respect; but they do not seem to feel the need of mutual tenderness in any marked degree.

There is not much sentiment in the relationship of husband and wife or brother and sister; and though a mother may bestow her heart's best upon her children, it is seldom returned in equal measure.

PERHAPS Hewleti did not see the whole of the picture. Thomas Hardy shows us something a little different in respect of the neighbouring county.

But it must be admitted that what is thus described is more or less true of all localities where life is hard and the struggle with poverty bitter.

Canon Jessop says the same about rural East Anglia, where he spent his best years. On one occasion he heard a woman refuse her dying husband a slice of ham because she was keeping it for the funeral.

Just before the war an old man in Connemara said to me that if Mr. Lloyd George were to visit Ireland every man and woman over seventy years of age would kneel down in the road as he passed and pick the stones from before the wheels of his car in token of gratitude for the old age pension.

"You see," he added, "we know what it is to be grudged the bread we eat and to be daily reminded that our children want us out of the way."

What a grim revelation!

IT is, I believe, one of the almost inevitable accompaniments of life spent in unremitting effort to secure the bare necessaries of physical subsistence.

But it is no less true of life spent in luxury and self-indulgence.

There is more heartlessness developed in the midst of plenty than amongst the poorest of the poor.

And yet, as a rich and well-known man once confessed to me in his closing days, there is nothing that can sweeten life but love. He himself had missed it, poor fellow.

None of us need go short of this greatest of blessings if we are willing to share it.

Fagin's Followers.

Much deliberate crime committed by juveniles at Liverpool is made possible and profitable for the youngsters by grown-up rascals, such as Stephen Moran, the Wagstaff Street broker, who is being taught that there is frequently a prison cell at the end of the crooked way in business. There are other Merseyside Fagins who need handling.

Victory Corps Ballot.

With reference to our recent articles exposing the scandal connected with the "Victory Corps" and its Motor Ballot, in which we stated that Princess Arthur of Connaught was shown as Patroness of the Corps, it is interesting to know that the impudent women organisers used the name of Princess Arthur in spite of written instructions to the contrary. H.R.H. is very annoyed about it. So are the duped people.

Alexander's New World.

F. Alexander has recently set out to conquer a new world of mugs. Under the style of "Mack's Service Office," 28, Ludgate Hill, E.C., he offers accommodation for the receipt of letters to anyone willing to pay 6s. a week, 15s. a month, or £8 a year, remarking, "Our position, where the mere address is to place a firm a step higher in the social ladder of business, is worthy of the consideration of London, Provincial, Continental, Dominion and American business Men and Firms." We should advise readers to exercise caution.

Fooling the Public.

There is no more shameful tricking of the general public interested in racing than through the alleged betting market over the big races. It is assumed by a gullible public that the prices quoted are based on money actually invested by knowing people on particular horses, but as a matter of fact horses are boosted into favouritism by the bookmakers without as much as a penny being put down for them, and, in addition, the bookmakers often try to attract money for certain horses that have not the least chance. A case in point in connection with the Cesarewitch is provided by Fou du Roi, a French horse that has been whispered without stable authority.

The Tricksters.

The Moyang Tea Company, Ltd., have been explaining to their customers why in spite of the reduced tax in the last Budget tea is dearer than ever. "This is owing to the fact," runs their circular, "that the tea-growers have restricted their output to such an extent in order to keep up the price of tea." In short, it's a ramp.

Bad Debts Made Worse.

It is annoying to have bad debts, but there is worse than annoyance awaiting tradespeople who hand accounts to Hardy, Roberts & Co., of Chancery Lane, W.C., for collection. These rapacious sharks recently collected over £5 for a poor widow in a small way of business who had allowed rather extended credit to a number of customers, but all they sent her was 5s., declaring that the balance had been absorbed in stamps and stationery!

A Leghorn Leg Pull.

Paying for pullets before you have seen them is as unwise as counting your chickens before they are hatched if you are dealing with people like T. C. Whitaker, of Blackmore, Essex, who advertised White Leghorn pullets at 25s. for six. In a letter he described them as "a nice lot of large, strong, perfectly healthy, pure-bred" birds. This was a leg pull, for a reader who paid for this "nice lot" received six little old hens worth about 3s. a couple, one of which died soon after arrival. Whitaker remains deaf to all complaints.

More Tearful Tea.

A reader who has taken tea for two years from "The Northern Counties Tea Co.," Proprietor, M. Ralph, 4, Ladywell Walk, Birmingham, complains that she is still without the cash gift promised her. Other readers ask us whether they should trust "The Ceylon Teas," Proprietor, F. Davis, who seems to be very busy in Bristol, and Watson & Sons, Salem House, Clarence Parade, Cheltenham, who have lately been working Worcester. To all these enquiries we can only answer that we do not recommend dealings with any bonus tea concern.

An Ungodly Action

What our heroes did in the war is easily forgotten.

SOMEWHERE in Northumberland is a place called Seaton Delaval—a very unhealthy place for ex-soldiers if the case of J. Brown, of 45, Foreman's Row, is typical.

Brown has four years' military service in the late war to his credit, and is now crippled. A grateful country awarded this broken hero a pension and, obtaining a Government grant, he started a little fish business.

The Seaton Delaval Coal Company found him a site and were kind enough to erect a shop for the little business he was starting.

Life began to assume a more rosy colour. The business was going well. But it was a nine months' wonder. At the end of that time he received notice from Mr. Gandy, the agent of Lord Hastings, ordering the newly erected shop to be pulled down.

And so strange men appeared on the scene, who, despite Brown's protests, began to dismantle the building. Meanwhile Brown's business has been taken from him and the poor fellow, who was nobly striving to maintain his widowed mother, is facing a desperate future.

It may be that Lord Hastings has on his side all the land laws that have ever been enacted, but here is a case where the common dictates of humanity should be obeyed.

When a man is dead he is allowed a few feet of ground; why deny it while he is living?

Oom the Omnipotent

RECENTLY we exposed the vicious practices of "Oom the Omnipotent," and in this story we give fresh revelations of the amazing love colony founded by this pervert who is now seeking to come to Britain.

THE amazing activities of a wealthy and notorious "love colony," which is world-wide in scope, are at present engaging the attention of the American police. In view of the revolting nature of the allegations it is highly undesirable that enquiries should be left to the American authorities alone, for it has recently come to light that energetic workers of the Colony are arranging to come to Britain for the purpose of getting "worshippers."

"The Colony of flaming souls pulsing with love's ecstasies!" That is the description given to the Colony by American investigators. Extraordinary and highly indecent dances are performed by scores of half-clothed perverts just as dawn is breaking: ordinary clothing is discarded for silken garb. Unclothed men and women sit together with guitars, and while their fellows sway to and fro in their crazy dance, they chant strange love-songs.

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The king of this dangerous and soul-destroying "religion" is one Pierre Bernard.

Born in Paris, he became in manhood a hairdresser there. His business was to make ladies' hair attractive: to-day his business seems to be to find as many women as possible and use them to attract men who are morally decadent.

With a small fortune made in France, he came to London and rapidly got mixed up with a very unpleasant set. He found a fondness for Eastern vice, and a flat at Regent's Park was used for many parties gilded with Oriental passion. Following a particularly unpleasant case, he skipped to America.

By this time he had become known as "Oom the Omnipotent." He was introduced, by members of an orgy he attended in San Francisco, to a Prince of Evildoers named Hargin, who has also passed under a number of other names, apparently in the endeavour to elude the police. Hargin is a kind of quack who "cures" people's serious ills by various flower and herbal preparations.

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This precious pair came together and gradually formed the cult which has now blossomed into one of the most sinister institutions the world has known. A fashionable residence was taken over and specially decorated in San Francisco, and was named the "Temple of the Tantrik Cult."

Incense, eastern draperies, low divans, strange lights piercing the dimly lit apartments, the chanting of passionate love-songs, scented fountains playing—all these were among the many things introduced by Hargin and Bernard to induce and initiate weak-minded and perverted creatures into the mysteries of the "Temple."

"Oom" must have thought that there were more fools in the world than he could imagine when he found himself surrounded in a very short time by scores of disciples. And he must have smiled very knowingly over the fact that no one really believed that "Loving Gura" and "Hindoo Mahatma" were in reality the one very notorious and vicious schemer who had started life as a hairdresser in Paris, and who later had absconded with the money of some women dupes in London.

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He got a shock one day when his colleague Hargin was arrested for fraud and sent to prison; but, although he disappeared for some time and the Temple was closed down, he turned up to repeat his triumphs a little later in New York. Here he was sought out by an American priestess of vice, a low, crime-soaked Jewess who rapidly usurped the position previously held by Hargin. With her assistance the San Francisco exploits were resumed. Many men and women were ruined, both morally and financially, and a raid carried out by the authorities resulted in Bernard and his woman accomplice being convicted.

The town of Nyack saw them next, and the arch-fiend Hargin is back with them. They are there at the present time, and hundreds of vicious people dance at dawn and perform scenes which are absolutely indescribable.

There is no doubt whatever that Bernard is sending agents to this country and the Continent. The police know that many emotional women have already been communicating with him from this country for weeks. He must not be allowed to come.

His Game of Grab

IN many of the daily papers you will find the following advertisement:

"Private Loans by post. £10 to £35,000 to lend to men and women for personal or business purposes, on day of application, on note of hand alone. No fuss. No delay. No enquiries. Terms unequalled. Don't delay paying those troublesome accounts. Don't ruin your business for want of capital. Don't apply in your locality—your secret may become known. Bank notes posted secretly without interview to any part of the kingdom or abroad."

The firm inserting this generous offer is Henry Rothfield, Ltd., 49, Grainger Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. We say at once that Rothfield is not so kind-hearted as would appear from his language. He is a blood-sucker and a Shylock.

This is how he works. When you apply for anything between £10 and £35,000 you get a stereotyped letter asking you to fill in and return a form he sends you. On the receipt of this "your proposal will receive our careful attention."

With this form you send a small fee "for expenses." This fee varies according to the fancy of Mr. Rothfield when he deals with your application. Sometimes it is 7s. 6d., sometimes 6s. 9d., sometimes £1 1s. You pay up and wait for your loan. When you have waited long enough you drop Rothfield a line just to jog his memory. Then you get a letter asking for a security.

You send along your security and then comes the bombshell. "After a careful consideration of your application we find that we cannot grant same unless you furnish us with the name of a responsible householder who would become jointly liable with you."

How many poor people can induce "responsible householders" to sign jointly for a loan the householder does not want? Rothfield knows this—and sticks to the fee.

Rothfield once figured in a case in the House of Lords. He had entered jointly into an agreement with several other money-lenders with a client who had got in arrears with his payments on loans he had had from all of them. Rothfield went behind the other money-lenders' backs and secretly obtained more favourable terms for himself. The matter ended in litigation.

Ignore Rothfield's advertisements. Ignore his unsolicited letters. He is a grasping fee-snatcher.

Collecting for St. Dunstan's

IN our issue of August 16 last we published an article called "Exploiting a Noble Charity," in the course of which we criticised severely a method of raising money for St. Dunstan's, the great institution for helping soldiers blinded in the war.

We protested against a bill used by the Owen-Worth Trio announcing concerts held in support of the funds of St. Dunstan's, on which it was stated that a collection would be taken and sent *without deduction* to St. Dunstan's.

We pointed out that this statement was misleading, because a substantial proportion of the receipts was deducted for expenses.

We also stated that Mr. W. J. Owen, the Concert Director, made a speech before each concert in which he emphasised the fact that no deductions would be made from the collection. We quoted as our authority for this statement an artist engaged by Mr. Owen, Mr. Plotenj-Worth, or H. E. Batten, as he is generally known.

We now learn that there is no truth in this particular statement, and we have seen a copy of a letter from Mr. Plotenj-Worth apologising to Mr. Owen, and asking his permission to withdraw reckless and untrue allegations. It is of interest to note that Worth was dismissed from the Trio for making these statements, but as he apologised, no action for slander was taken. We also learn that the old concert bill was used by Mr. Owen on instructions from an official of St. Dunstan's in order to save printing expenses.

In these circumstances, we withdraw in the most unqualified way any suggestion that Mr. Owen's actions call for criticism.

We also wish to make it clear that Mr. Owen was paid a fixed fee for his valuable services as an artist, and had nothing to do with any percentage basis. His actions were entirely honourable and above-board, and his conduct in all these matters above reproach, and during the last five and a half years he has organised, in his official capacity of Concert Director, over one thousand concerts, and raised many thousands of pounds for this great national work.

We hope that this further publicity will remove all possibility of any misapprehension as to his attitude and position.

How to Prevent Cancer

IN this article is a new note of hope for a cancer-stricken civilisation. Cancer is not the strangely sinister disease it has been thought to be. It is not hereditary and it is preventable. Ignorance has contributed to its dread power in the past

by SIR W. ARBUTHNOT LANE

Sir W. Arbuthnot Lane, Bt., who has said that, largely through this journal, changes in the diet and habits of the people are developing rapidly.

DEATH from cancer is most agonising to the victim and revolting to the relatives; but of the 48,667 persons who last year died from this disease, a great percentage could have been prevented. Ten per cent. of the nation's deaths are caused by this terribly malignant disease; more people died in this country during the past year from cancer than from any other single complaint; and the grim harvest of cancer fatalities increases steadily every year.

It is necessary to make two deliberate statements: In the first place, cancer is not hereditary. Secondly, cancer is preventable. *The cancer problem has been solved in so far as its prevention is concerned.*

Opinion has gone astray on the cause of cancer; it was stated by eminent authorities that diet and habit played no part in the causation of cancer. The most popular idea was that cancer was the result of some foreign body getting into the tissues and setting up an irritant. But that is only a half-truth—an irritant may be a cause of cancer, but only in so far as it can find congenial soil in which to fructify and perform its sinister function.

Choking the Drains.

Almost every case of cancer has variations in detail peculiar to itself; the more these variations are examined the more confused does the problem become. The only true method of research is carefully to eliminate, one by one, all the details that vary, until you get down to some one detail that is common in each case and in all cases. That common factor has now been incontrovertibly established: *It has been ascertained that before any cancerous growth can start there must be a certain poison in the system. That condition of poisoning is common to all cases.*

When a man goes to buy a house his first care is to ask: Is the drainage system in order—is the domestic sewerage carried safely away out of the house? But of that other house—his body—he never troubles.

In the construction of a man Nature has devised a marvellous system of sanitation—channels and canals along which physical sewerage should be directed and so safely cleared from the body. In his ignorance or carelessness man has allowed those channels to become obstructed, and prevented those canals becoming a thoroughfare for bodily refuse. A poisonous sewerage overflows into the blood and reduces the resistance-power of the body tissues so that the least infective or irritating agent can become a cancerous growth.

The Secret of Cancer's Power.

So it is now clear that cancer becomes possible in those bodies the tissues of which have been poisoned by the putrifying overflow from the choked or otherwise defectively functioning canal system that Nature has arranged should carry that poisonous sewerage out of the body. Where the bowels function rightly there cannot be cancer. The malignant disease of cancer is traceable in every case to bowel trouble.

Now our so-called civilisation has encouraged bowel trouble. We try to be "civilised" in distinction to the animal or the savage natives who are "uncivilised," but it is a noteworthy fact (and certainly coincidence has nothing to do with it) that neither among savages nor in animals living in normal conditions is there any cancer problem. An animal empties the bowel as often as it wants to; natives relieve themselves of bodily sewerage three or more times daily.

While a baby is very young it follows the example of the non-cancerous animal and savage. I have never seen a case of cancer in the young baby. When the child grows a little older the fond mother teaches it "to have regular habits." This, in effect, means that the child is trained to reduce the number of times its drainage system is cleared to a minimum—once a day is quite the normal average. And in those very early years the soil for a cancerous growth is made fertile.

The following letter from a lady on this very subject is a condemnation of our modern "civilisation" and system of education which make the problem of cancer possible. This lady writes:

Educational Ignorance.

"I remember as a child being scolded by my nurse because my bowels acted more than once a day. She said that I was a naughty rude little girl and that a child of my age (six years) should have learned better manners.

"Then came the hurried years of school life. The days were not half long enough for all the work and play one wanted to cram into them. As soon as breakfast was swallowed and lesson books packed into the satchel, I fled off to school, sometimes snatching a few minutes to pick flowers for a favourite mistress, but seldom finding time for a visit to the closet. No one in authority laid stress upon the importance to health of a regular morning visit, and constipation inevitably followed. A dose of aperient medicine on Saturday nights was believed to compensate for the shortcomings of the rest of the week.

"In my 'teens I went to a large and delightful boarding-school run on the lines of a boys' public school. Excellent provision was made for the external cleansing of the body; each girl had a washstand in her own bedroom and there was a bathroom for every five girls. The provision of water-closets was not on nearly such a lavish scale.

"The school day was regulated by a rigid time-table. A book had to be signed by each girl as she went out, and those who had not signed by 8.10 got a bad mark. Girls were very keen on avoiding bad marks because they prevented their promotion to prefects, any retirement was noticeable and had to be accounted for.

"It was only to be expected that the girls were constipated. If there were a few spare minutes after bed-making the chances were one could not find an unoccupied water-closet. There were in my house two girls who did make a point of going to the closet regularly every morning after breakfast, thereby incurring many bad marks for failing to sign the book in time. They were considered very peculiar and were not made prefects.

"I did not have a single natural action of the bowels during the three years I was at boarding-school.

"It is so fatal to acquire the habit of constipation in school days, or even earlier, and it is one of the most intractable habits to cure in later life. If the normal needs and functions of the body were sensibly discussed and explained, boys and girls would leave school with a reasonable expectation of living long and healthy lives. One of my school fellows died of cancer of the bowel before she was forty and another of chronic colitis; several have had operations for appendicitis. If the histories of all my contemporaries could be traced, it is likely that they would make a sorry reading of gastro-intestinal troubles; a legacy from youthful bad habits and wrong feeding.

"The routine of school life should be more elastic and provide time for retirement after every meal. Perhaps it would have some effect if in every school water-closet there were a clearly printed notice: 'Empty the bowels not once in three days but three times in one day.'"

In this appalling letter will be found the suggestion of both cause and prevention of cancer. The human drainage system must work freely and frequently; otherwise, tissue poisoning results.

Back to Common-sense.

The way of escape then is by going back to a right way of living, and to the normal natural way of eating. The health and happiness of the natives in tropical countries are due to the fact that they eat such a quantity of fresh fruit and green foods. These, coupled with wholemeal bread (the coarser the better), combine to ensure a frequent emptying of the bowel, and, therefore, prevent any poisoning of the body tissues.

Fruit, green foods and wholemeal bread are bulky food substances: they fill the bowel and stimulate the action of the intestines so that the poisonous products of digestion are passed safely out of the body instead of being allowed to remain in the bowel, a putrifying mass that pollutes the blood and poisons the whole system. Modern "civilisation" has invented all sorts of patent foods: "concentrated health foods" and quack compounds that are supposed to be nutritious—they have been masticated by machinery, are pre-digested and pre-chewed. They save us the trouble of chewing and so the teeth and jaws decay for want of exercise; they save us trouble of mastication and digestion, and so the digestive organs degenerate for want of exercise; they are "concentrated" into such non-bulky amounts that the bowel decays for want of exercise.

A New Trade Opening.

There is, however, an economic aspect of true feeding that is in its disfavour; fruit and wholemeal bread cost a good deal and are not so easy to obtain. This subject can not be dealt with here beyond stating that the cost of fruits is increased excessively *after the fruit leaves the grower.*

Our distributing system is all wrong and before long enterprising tradesmen, seeing that there is a demand for fruit and green foods, will arrange that these are left with customers in just the same way as the milkman and the baker calls and leaves milk and bread. There is a good business waiting for such a tradesman. The public must learn that fruit and green food *are not luxuries but are absolutely essential to health.*

Candid Communications

(Outspoken Messages to Celebrities, Notorieties and Occasionally Nonentities)

To Dr. E. W. BARNES,
Bishop of Birmingham.

MY LORD,—You have always impressed me as a man of vision and courage, and your latest utterance commands my admiration. "With regard to conditions at home," you say, "it appears to me that from the Christian point of view one must be in favour of what is called an advanced social policy. If for that reason one is accused of indulging in Labour propaganda, well, one must ignore the accusation and continue to press for such social reforms as seem necessary." Such fearless independence is the policy I have always pursued, believing as I do that my duty is to attack evil and uphold the right. Let those who wish dub this "Labour Propaganda." It is an unveiling of truth, and that, and that alone, is all that matters. JOHN BULL.

To LORD BEAVERBROOK,
8, Shoe Lane, E.C.

MY LORD,—I congratulate you on your optimistic revelations of the revival of trade in various parts of the country. "Praise God and expand business," you cry. Good! That's the spirit I like to see. And how much better in its psychological effect on the nation than the monotonous calamity howling of Lord Rothermere and his inky satellites. Besides, you're telling the truth and they're busy suppressing it. JOHN BULL.

To P. W. CORBIN, Esq.,
Mayor, Portsmouth.

DEAR SIR,—I note that your corporation recently purchased Southsea Common at a cost of £45,000. Now this strikes me as curious. If it is a "common" why use the ratepayers' money to purchase their own property? If it is not common land, what title can the "owners" produce to prove possession? The time has arrived when the whole question of the land must be tackled in earnest. Cases like this give point to the demand. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. ARTHUR HENDERSON, M.P.,
Home Secretary.

DEAR SIR,—It is not often I find much to praise in the administration of your department, but for your action in abolishing the distinctive uniform in industrial schools I have nothing but praise. To remove from these unfortunate children the penal brand that made them feel a class apart, was both a humane and a wise move. The restoration of self-respect is of supreme importance in the reformation of all such human beings. JOHN BULL.

To Squadron-leader A. S. MACLAREN,
1, Langford Place, St. John's Wood, N.W.1.

DEAR SIR,—Congratulations on your safe return. Your fellow-countrymen hold failures like yours to be greater than success obtained when all the resources of a powerful State department are at the back of the contestants. Lord [illegible] hastened to congratulate your American rivals. I wonder if it ever occurred to him to think what you might have done, had the Air Ministry supported you instead of ignoring you? I don't in the least minimise the American's success, but neither do I minimise your magnificent effort. JOHN BULL.

To FORBES LANKESTER, K.C.,
West London Police Court.

DEAR SIR,—You call children's courts a "farce," and you hope that notice will be taken of your remarks. I hasten to oblige you. Permit me to inform you that your position does not entitle you to indulge in such exhibitions of petulant annoyance. Am I to infer from your remarks that you wish to see child delinquents ground in the wheels of the ordinary police court? To my mind the fact that so few cases come before the children's court is striking testimony to their corrective value, and it seems to me that a public apology from you is already overdue. JOHN BULL.

RUSSIA: "Look here, Ramsay, if you can't lend me something on this, I'll have to go over the road."

To FRED BRAMLEY, Esq.,
Sec., Gen. Council Trades' Union Congress.

SIR,—I think it is an excellent idea to send a delegation to Russia to investigate conditions. The sooner the real truth is ascertained, the better for everybody. I hope when you get there, however, you will tell the Russians the truth about this country. They still seem to think that Communism is an effective force, that we like Bolshevism, and are on the verge of revolution. Disillusion them! JOHN BULL.

To Sir HARRY HART,
Chairman, Bath Magistrates.

SIR,—Have you never heard it said that it is the woman who pays? If you do not know this to be so you are deplorably lacking in knowledge of life. "Legislation ought to be introduced," you say, "to prevent punishment falling entirely upon the man." But my experience of sex cases has been that the man usually goes scot-free. We need legislation to ensure that equal punishment is meted out to equals in crime. JOHN BULL.

To ALBERT INKPEN, Esq.,
Sec., Communist Party.

SIR,—It is becoming doubtful whether your Party or the British Fascisti is the funnier. Can't you see how ludicrous you are in asking the delegates to the Labour Party Conference to insist on your admission to the Labour Party? People who believe in "the Dictatorship of the Proletariat by armed revolution" want nothing with delegates' votes. Why not take a sackful of bombs to the Queen's Hall and get busy? You'll never get into the Labour Party any other way. JOHN BULL.

To JAMES LEWIS McBRIDE, J.P.,
Blaydon.

YOU BRUTE.—Two months' hard labour is very slight punishment for such gross cruelty to children as you displayed. To such an extent had you neglected your own daughter that she only weighed half what a normal child of the age should weigh. Your wife, who admitted her share of the guilt, was let off with a fine of £25. What an inhuman pair you must be, rather lower in mentality and self-respect than a good many animals. I hope when you come out Blaydon will be made too hot to hold you. JOHN BULL.

To GEORGE LANSBURY, Esq., M.P.,
Bow.

SIR,—It is ironic that on the same day you received an intimation that the Poplar Borough Council was to be surcharged £11,500 for extravagant expenditure, a deputation of the local unemployed asked you for more generous relief. What amazes me is that you have been so inconsiderate as to refuse this request. You have educated the people of Poplar to imagine that they have merely to ask and they shall receive, but when they practise what you have preached they are "turned empty away." The machine of your own creation threatens to crush you. JOHN BULL.

To J. COILER, Esq.,
Pres. Amalgamated Marine Workers' Union.

SIR—I have been reading your outspoken condemnation of the terrible conditions in which, in spite of the Merchant Shipping Acts, seamen are still herded together on some ocean liners. You show, for example, that the cubic space allowed for sleeping accommodation on board ship, also for sanitation, is considerably less than that permitted to the inmates of convict prisons. The plain truth is that the light and space of the first-class cabins are being purchased at the cost of the seafarers' elementary rights. Employ the strength of your Union to put an end to this scandal. JOHN BULL.

Without Fear or Favour

STATE NIGGER-DRIVERS

While Nero Fiddles

So mad with lust of power are the professional politicians that politics is fast being stigmatised as the dirtiest game playable. The Party politician climbs to power on the backs of the common people, whose support he obtains by fatuous promises. The pathway to political power is paved with pie-crust.

At the moment all three Parties threaten a General Election. Liberals and Tories express a desire to throw the Government to the country; the Government is known to be trying to manœuvre one of its opponents into a position which will result in an election. Not for a single moment are the wishes of the public considered.

The politicians are playing for place and power. Either on Russia or on Germany or on Ireland a General Election is to be forced, not because the professional politician cares a rap about Ireland or Germany or Russia, but because it suits his game.

Meanwhile the poor harassed British public can worry on. Their domestic troubles must not, of course, be allowed to stand in the way of the professional politicians' personal advancement. A General Election at the most can only mean that one of the sides of the political triangle shall form the base. It would settle nothing; but unsettle everything. It would involve financial and industrial panic.

But politicians don't care. Nor do we care for the professional politicians. We have no partiality for any Party as a Party; but we do object to mere "tactics" whose sole aim is to replace one Party by another, while national business is at a standstill.

A 1925 Wembley

Now that Mr. J. H. Thomas, is home again we may get a definite decision on a 1925 Wembley. If Wembley continues, there should follow certain necessary improvements.

The Exhibition must be run next year on real business lines. This means discharging all the dunderheads who, just because they were brass-hats during the war, have been given administrative posts. What is needed are shopmen and showmen who know their job.

Fair wages and good working conditions must be ensured to all employees. It ought not to be necessary for John Bull to take up the cudgels on behalf of the Exhibition workpeople. The credentials of all firms holding concessions at Wembley should be carefully scrutinised to ensure that they are British, not merely in nationality but in character. If the authorities will attend to these essentials the financial loss can yet be made good.

The Government as a Sweater

We have a Labour Government in office, and Labour has always preached about "sweating" and the "downtrodden workers." Below we show that our saints in power forget to practise what they preach.

A SURPRISING fact emerges from the campaign against sweating which is being conducted on behalf of this journal by Mr. Sydney A. Moseley. It appears that the Labour Government definitely sanctions the low rates of pay and unfair conditions of work which Labour Party spokesmen in the country have so long and so loudly condemned.

From many branches of the Civil Service we have received "human documents" telling of the miserable plight of Government servants. It is to the so-called "temporary worker" that these shocking conditions chiefly apply; to such grades as clerks, postmen, warders, Mint workers, many of whom have been in the service for years, but are still dubbed temporary in order to justify the shadow of instant dismissal which for ever hangs over their heads like a Damocles sword.

Rt. Hon. Thomas Shaw, Minister of Labour, who should improve conditions of workers in Government Departments.

There recently visited the offices of John Bull a deputation of workers at the Royal Mint, charged by their fellows to lay their grievances before us. Remember the cost of living is up 70 per cent. since 1914. Yet these unfortunate money-makers are doomed to struggle along on a pre-war wage. The advent of a Labour Government has brought them no comfort. What is most surprising is that in the treatment of these men, the Mint authorities should have resorted to a subterfuge favoured by the meanest type of employer.

WHEN the heartless sweater wants to force down wages, he seldom adopts a straightforward course. The trick he uses is to give his workpeople notice of dismissal, and then offer to re-engage them at a lower salary.

This was the ruse employed by the authorities of the Royal Mint who, in the early part of this year gave notice to these men—whose wages then stood at 63s. 4d. a week—that "in view of the very considerable reduction in the coinage programme," it was necessary to terminate their engagements on March 26. On March 21, however, the Deputy-Master of the Mint discovered that there was "now sufficient work to justify the re-engagement of the dismissed men." But the wages were to be 50s. 5d. weekly!

The result of Mr. Moseley's searching investigations goes far to dispel the illusion that the Government, even under Labour auspices, is a generous employer. A sub-postmaster is found working all hours of the day for a pittance of 28s. weekly less health and unemployment insurance. There are hundreds of these sweated Post Office officials. Then there are the "temporary prison officers"—warders in convict establishments whose wages for a working week of 56 hours amount to 47s. 6d. As a warder in a London prison pointed out to our investigator, he would be better off with the dole; but he preferred to work.

IN conclusion we direct the attention of the War Office to the scandalous sweating which is going on at the Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes at Strandwick Place, Edinburgh. The failure to stamp out these flagrant official abuses is a bad blot on the escutcheon of the first Labour Government.

Pantry Plunderers

THE ingenuity of the profiteering tea-mongers knows no bounds. In addition to the various forms of dishonesty lately exposed in these columns by Mr. A. G. Gardiner, some of the larger tea-distributing concerns are now engaged in the daylight robbery of the poor.

Before the tax reduction in the last Budget, two-ounce packets of tea were sold for 3d. The threepenny packets now contain less than two ounces. Since the law demands that packets of tea containing two ounces or more must be stamped with the net weight no printed guarantee is now furnished; but as the public has grown accustomed to the idea that these packets contain two ounces and no less the deceit is palpable.

The tea-firms try to excuse themselves by explaining that tea has gone up by 4d. a pound in the open market. They omit to explain that this increase of price is not natural, but has been deliberately engineered. As one of the tea-retailing firms itself states: "The tea-growers have restricted their output to such an extent in order to keep up the price of tea. Ever since the removal of the duty the price of tea in the market has risen." This statement is borne out by the facts. Some time ago the India Tea Association recommended a restriction of crop to 80 per cent. of the 1922 output.

Naturally, the pressure of this wicked ramp is felt most keenly by the poorest of the poor. If only the housewives of Great Britain would boycott the exploiters they could smash the food rings in a week.

Law for All

IN the eyes of the law there should be neither rich nor poor. Now that the Lord Chancellor is getting to work again he should endeavour to realise this democratic ideal in the daily administration of British Courts of Justice. As things stand the dice are heavily loaded against the man with the unlined pockets. Often an illiterate defendant is fined or imprisoned through sheer inability satisfactorily to present his explanation to the Court.

There should be enrolled at every police-court throughout the country a panel of local solicitors who, on a rota system, might be at the disposal of poor defendants. The fee for such services would be paid out of court funds or from some similar source; and our knowledge of the legal profession convinces us that such aid would be as carefully given as if the payment came from private pockets.

A Labour Government should be the last to permit social inequality before the law.

UNFIT TO BE FATHERS

by A GENTLEMAN WITH A DUSTER (Author of "The Mirrors of Downing Street," etc.)

THERE is one thing our physically unfit must not do, says our contributor. They must not bring children into the world to suffer as they are suffering. At the present time half the nation is either entirely or partially kept by the remaining half!

Dr. Preston King, M.D., J.P., who has said that people should be physically fit before they marry.

IT used to be taken for granted a few years ago that we were pre-eminent among the nations for common-sense. John Bull was no sentimentalist. He was no dreamer. He was no fool to be gulled by the fairy-tales of romance. One thing he always did, and that was to face the facts.

A letter from a reader who for twelve years has served on the Board of Guardians in a large manufacturing town makes me wonder whether we have not lost this courageous gift of facing the facts of human life.

He writes to me concerning the consumptive man in Barnsley, whose sad story formed the subject of one of my articles a few weeks ago. "I have the greatest sympathy," he writes, "with the case you describe, but. . ." And then he begins a new paragraph, and that paragraph is terrible reading.

"I have been carefully watching this thing for twelve years," he writes, "and I am horrified and overwhelmed by the facts I see." What is "this thing" that he has been watching for twelve years? It is the marriage of people unfit to be parents of children. He tells me that in his town there are many cases of consumptive men and women whose families have for years been kept by the State, the grant going up year by year, and the children becoming consumptive after even a slight cold when they are fourteen or fifteen years of age.

"You see my point," he writes; "it is so easy to rail at people, but the hard and terrible fact is that strong and healthy people are being so penalised to pay the heavy rates and taxes for the support of these types of cases that the very people who should restock the nation dare not bring any more than one or two children into the world."

IT was stated in Parliament not long ago, he tells me, that about 50 per cent. of the nation is either entirely or partially kept by the remaining 50 per cent.

If this be true, we may say that every workman in the British Islands carries another workman on his back, and that every working mother in the land is working for another woman. Such a state of things cannot possibly continue. It explains to us why our manufacturers cannot compete with German, Belgian and Italian manufacturers. It explains to us why factories are closing and skilled craftsmen are going out of the country. It explains to us why there is heartbreaking depression in great cities and wild unrest in the field of political activity. The healthy man is being crushed by the sick man. Our civilisation is a chaos.

THIS Guardian says to me: "We have here a consumptive man married to an epileptic woman. They have had six children, all gone under and kept entirely by the State. They are young enough to have another ten or twelve. They don't care, so long as we keep them. The man has done no work since his marriage. These cases can be multiplied *ad lib.* by all Boards of Guardians and Medical Authorities."

Is it not time we summoned our courage, recovered our common-sense, and faced these facts like men? A farmer who conducted his business as we conduct ours would be regarded as a lunatic. There is not a schoolboy with a rabbit-hutch nor a chicken-pen who does not exercise greater care with his stock than our statesmen in the matter of our British stock. The unfit are multiplying with terrible rapidity; the fit are diminishing. What is to be done?

FIRST of all do not let us consider this problem solely from the animal point of view. Our object is not merely to breed vigorous men and women, but to breed vigorous men and women that the moral life of the nation and the spiritual life of mankind may march to the predestined end of the Creator. The body of a man is the only machinery for his soul. The better the body the easier is it for the soul to function. Our prisons, our workhouses, our reformatories, our lunatic asylums, and even our brothels are filled with people who are either physically or morally unfit.

To possess a healthy mind, in a healthy body, is to understand the satisfactions of virtue and to feel the aspiration of the human spirit as a normal thing.

Further, do not let us be so brutal as to deny to our sick and sorrowful the consolations of married life.

A man stricken with consumption needs the care and tender affection of a good woman, and he is as greatly entitled to those blessings as the healthiest man in the State.

We do not wish to see such a man banished to a hill-top, segregated from the cheerful life of achieving humanity, condemned to pass his days in the company of incurable invalids. Incapable of hard, physical work, he may nevertheless contribute to the highest interests of civilisation by the beauty of his moral life and the character of the work which earns his daily bread. But living in our midst, and sharing in the general toil of the nation, there is one thing he must honourably and unselfishly deny himself, and that is the blessing of fatherhood. He must not bring children into the world to suffer as he is suffering.

This matter, delicate as it is, has now become a subject of public discussion, and the more it is discussed healthily and sanely, the better it will be for all of us. The time has not yet come, and I hope it never will come, for Acts of Parliament to regulate the marriage of men and women. We can do for ourselves all that is necessary. By our thinking and by our conversation we can create a public opinion which will as effectually prevent consumptive people from becoming the parents of children as public opinion prevents decent people from defacing public monuments or making themselves a nuisance to their neighbours.

TO this end let us continually reflect that British Industry, by which we all live, is so burdened and weighed down by rates and taxes that it is becoming impotent in the face of foreign competition, and that no small part of those murderous rates and taxes is due to the physical inefficiency and mental instability which we propagate without a thought of its thousand and one consequences.

The sick must be taught to feel that it is a shameful thing to bring into existence children that they themselves cannot support.

SHADOWS IN T

Bogus charity collectors rob babies and poison the wells of generosity.

A FEW days ago a man on a bicycle came to my door to collect money for the "holiday and convalescent fund" of a "Poor Children's Society." My house stands quite a hundred yards from the road in a village many miles from London, and I marvelled that a collector should have thought it worth while to travel so far afield and to seek out my sequestered retreat on so precarious a mission. Curiosity thus aroused led me to examine, with more than usual interest, the printed appeal tendered to me.

I found that the headquarters of the Society were at "Shaftesbury Hall" in the Borough, an address which awakened dim and dubious memories. The list of "Vice-Presidents and Advisory Committee" consisted of names all unknown to public repute. I questioned the collector and found him strangely uncommunicative. Not without reason, I scented fishiness.

My intention was to submit the appeal to the editor of JOHN BULL, but on the very day that I proposed to write to him, I received my copy of last week's issue, and found an article from which I learned that this philanthropic society paid its collectors 8s. in the £ on their takings, and was founded by a gentleman "whose activities as a selfish charity-monger have been a public scandal for forty years"!

Further enquiry revealed to me an incredibly shameful world of mean roguery thriving on the sympathy of decent people with the hapless children of the slums. I learned for the first time that the Charity Organisation Society has issued a pamphlet specifically describing some of these rascalities. It tells how the founder of the Society, which attracted my attention to the subject, a pensioner drawing £1 a week from the public purse, placed ten thousand collecting-boxes in public-houses and restaurants, and employed women at 18s. a week to clear them.

Mr. A. M. Thon who denounces bogus charity col who fleece the

It tells of an orphanage on the south coast, with influential patrons, whose affairs, when examined at the Old Bailey, showed that out of £1,200 collected, no more than £70 reached the charity's banking account!

JOHN BULL has repeatedly exposed the infamous doings of a scoundrel named Blackburn, who works in collusion with the equally infamous founder of the Society whose collector called on

ROBBING THE TEACHERS

by A. G. GARDINER

MONEY spent in education is really money in pocket. It means a more enlightened nation and therefore a more efficient nation. And the men and women who devote their services to the teaching of our children should be paid a wage commensurate with their important work.

Rt. Hon. C. P. Trevelyan. Minister of Education, who should know the worth of teachers to the nation.

I HOPE that Lord Burnham's Committee has stuck to its guns and has beaten off the attack on the teachers' salaries. We want economy, but we want intelligent economy, and I believe that a starved and discontented teaching profession is the most wasteful economy that we can indulge in. The question touches the greatest problem we have to face as a nation. There is a mighty struggle ahead, and we need to be equipped for that struggle with all the resources at our command.

What is the chief of those resources? The strength of a nation does not consist in its ships, or its riches, or its possessions. It consists in the quality of its people. If they are ignorant and vicious, it will be a decadent nation, however richly endowed it has been by Nature; if they are trained in mind, disciplined in conduct and strong in thew and sinew, it will be a great nation however scurvily Nature has treated it. If I wanted to discover the wisest nation on earth, and the nation which, poor or rich, was most assured of a future, I should try to find the country in which the children were the chief concern of public policy. If I wanted to find the most hopeless country I should go to that where the children were most neglected.

LET us get rid of the notion that money spent on education is money out of pocket. It is money in pocket. It is the most productive investment we can make. It means a more enlightened nation, and therefore a more efficient nation. Every child that grows up into a sober, instructed and competent citizen is an asset to the community. He goes down on the credit side of our national ledger as a sound stone in the edifice of our life.

Every child that grows up into a wastrel is a burden to the community from the cradle to the grave. We must see the school as the alternative to the workhouse, the prison, the reformatory and the sanatorium. If we could set the cost of education against the saving which the care of the children effects in dealing with the human wreckage that results from the neglect of children we should find that even on that account alone the balance is on the right side.

When we look at education as a question of national efficiency and security, the importance of the teacher is revealed in its true light. His work is the most exacting and responsible task that can fall to any part of the community, and it requires men and women of exceptional quality of mind and character, who have, incidentally, passed through a course of intellectual training as severe as that imposed upon any professional class.

IT is quite obvious that if we think so meanly of their work and of themselves, that we pay them on the level of a tram conductor or a road sweeper, we shall lower the quality of the profession. However much men and women of capacity may be drawn to the teaching profession, they will not adopt it if they cannot look for a reasonable livelihood from it. The openings that present themselves to-day to people of brains and character, openings in business and in other professions, are too attractive to permit people who want a decent standard of life to enter on a career that does not offer that standard. It is true that the teaching profession has certain advantages. It is one of the "sheltered" callings. It has the important element of security.

But when these facts are allowed for, it still, I think, remains true that there is no calling for which the preparation is so severe, in which the work is so responsible and which needs such gifts of brain and character where the reward is so meagre. Take the figures originally agreed on by the Burnham Committee. The salary of the men ranged from a minimum of £172 10s. to a maximum of £425; that of women from £160 to £340. There are a few prizes, but the highest of all, open perhaps to one in a thousand, is £637 10s. The figures I have quoted are qualified by a 5 per cent. reduction accepted eighteen months ago and a 5 per cent. deduction for pensions.

Is there any other profession in which the possibilities are so severely limited? In every other intellectual calling there are rich prizes to be won that give zest to the pursuit. Perhaps we ought to have souls above rich prizes and love the work for its own sake alone; but I am taking men as they are and not as they ought to be. Putting aside the brilliant rewards which tempt men into the law, medicine and business, I will take the case of journalism. There is not a really successful journalist in Fleet Street who does not earn much more than £637 10s., which is the almost unattainable maximum of the whole teaching profession.

I VENTURE to say that not only the journalists who are employed to write down the teachers in the *Daily Mail*, but even the compositors who set up the copy, are receiving higher wages than the most highly paid schoolmaster in the country. I think that if the N.U.T. could extract from Lord Rothermere the salary list of his newspapers, still more if they could get an estimate of his own vast income, they would have the retort to the vulgar abuse poured by his hirelings upon the "pampered" teachers, with their maximum of £400 or so a year.

Is it suggested that there is any comparison between the service to the community of a man who has the daily and hourly oversight and training of 500 children and that of a sensational journalist who writes up a stunt at the instructions of his proprietors? Is there any comparison between the training of the two men, their qualities of character or their usefulness to society? It is idle, I know, to look for any relation between services and rewards, between the barrister who goes into Court with his brief marked a thousand guineas and the teacher who moulds thousands of boys into useful citizens.

BUT let us take care that we do not freeze out of the great teaching profession of the country the men and women who can bring the best out of our children, and in doing so increase that wealth of discipline, character and equipment upon which the wealth of the country itself ultimately depends. Let us have economy by all means, even in education; but parsimony is not economy, and in the schools it is the most wasteful form of extravagance. Therefore I repeat that I hope that the Burnham Committee will not yield to the cheap clamour for inferior teachers in threadbare clothes.

IN THE ALLEYS

by ALEXANDER M. THOMPSON ("Dangle")

Mr. A. M. Thompson, who denounces the bogus charity collectors who fleece the public.

me. This inexpressibly dirty rascal has sometimes been subjected to a fine for "irregularities." Yet the wily old thief has been able to get his livelihood for nearly fifty years by swindling the lame, the halt, the blind, and the little children, out of money that kind-hearted people gave for their relief. And there is no law which will allow the police effectively and permanently to stop the scoundrel's atrocious activities.

The lowest form of crime has been defined as that of "stealing a butty from a kid." The miscreants of whom I write do worse: they not only rob the helpless babies, but they also poison the sweet wells of the nation's charity. All decent people—Conservative, Liberal, or Socialist—feel a pang at the heart when they see the "dirty animals" of the slums—clogged almost to death with the filth of the City gutters in which they are driven to seek their pleasure.

We simply jump at the chance to remove these poor little souls for a week or even a day from the huddled sties where eternal moral night prevails, and foulness reigns unrelieved by any germ of rightness, human or divine. To bring the babies of Bermondsey to the cleansing power of fresh country air, to give the wonder-eyed little boys and girls a glimpse of the radiance and beauty of the world which God meant them to live in—ah! to contribute to such a purpose is a feast of luxury that no Ritz or Savoy can provide. Every man or woman with a grain of human sympathy is actually grateful for the chance preferred in the glowing prospectuses of the charity-mongers—to bestow a little light and happiness to the darkness and misery of the children of the slums.

Instead of which—! That is the deadliest part of the crime of these despoilers of poverty: the disclosure of their incredible iniquity freezes the fount of benevolence. Generous souls once convinced that they have been bitten, remain for ever shy. Blackguards like Blackburn do more wrong to the community than many murderers. They poison not one individual but whole communities, and though they do not actually kill, they prevent the saving of countless baby lives.

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The Sentence of the Court

RED TAPE AND BLUE MURDER

Whitehall Crank with a Kink

by HARRISON OWEN

TO a charge of obstructing the highway of science Sir Stewart Stockman, Chief Veterinary Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, pleaded "Not guilty."

"The charge," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "relates to the policy pursued by the accused in connection with the epidemic of foot-and-mouth disease which has been raging for more than two years. Bad as the disease is, the cure favoured by the accused—to wit the wholesale slaughtering of beasts in infected areas—is worse, for it has resulted in the destruction of nearly 100,000 animals during the thirty-six weeks of the present year and has cost the taxpayer the staggering sum of £7,000,000.

"Red Tape attempts to justify this blue murder by blandly announcing that there is no known cure for the disease. If Sir Stewart does not know of a cure he has only himself to blame, for Dr. John Shaw, the well-known cancer specialist, has for years been trying to induce the Ministry to give a trial to his remedy, which, he claims, has done wonders in preventing the loss of cattle. When Dr. Shaw realised that it is easier for an elephant to pass through the eye of a needle than for a new idea to penetrate the Whitehall mind, he went to Shropshire, where the disease was at its worst, and treated a number of beasts with his prophylactic, with the result that no animal thus treated acquired the disease, not even when a farmer, intent upon subjecting the prophylactic to the severest test, smeared the mouth of a sound beast with saliva from a diseased one.

"Yet, while cattle and sheep are dying or being slaughtered by thousands, the Ministry of Agriculture, ignoring the evidence of farmers and scientists and emulating the old lady who on seeing a giraffe at the Zoo stoutly asserted, 'There ain't no such animal,' ticks out on its red tape machine the dreary refrain 'There ain't no such cure.'"

IN defence, Mr. Strawsplitter observed that the name Shaw was borne by another clever gentleman famous for his paradoxes, but even Bernard Shaw had not been guilty of a more amazing paradox than was enbodied in his namesake's claim that he was able to prevent the inevitable and cure the incurable. Sir Stewart Stockman was much too busy to give interviews to every crank who approached him with high hopes in his heart, a syringe in his hand

and a bottled miracle in his pocket.

"Mark Twain once stated," said Mr. Justice Bull, "that every man with a new idea is a crank until his idea succeeds. If we accept this definition, Dr. Shaw has triumphantly repudiated the charge of crankiness. But with some bureaucrats nothing fails like success, and, lest seeing should be believing, they present a blind optic to anything which does not bear their own (White)hall-mark of merit.

That the prisoner should persist in his policy of frightfulness in the face of facts like those that have been brought before him suggests that his department might more appropriately be called the Ministry of Agrikultur.

"I must order the prisoner immediately to afford Dr. Shaw facilities for proving his claims, or he must be prepared to take the consequences, which are likely to be almost as drastic as his own methods."

Saints and Sinners

Dear Old Ladies of the League

by HESKETH PEARSON

Parmoor Personifies Them All

IT'S all very well for superior people to sneer at the League of Nations. I admit it's difficult *not* to sneer at it. But for anyone with sufficient imagination the alternative to it is so ghastly that we must really try to take it seriously. Let us at least have the candour to criticise it and not merely content ourselves with laughing at it.

Among those who fought in the late war, the criticism one hears most frequently is that the League is composed of old men. But the real trouble, in my opinion, is that the League is composed of old women. Its delegates are far more like Lord Parmoor than Ramsay MacDonald—dear, charming, fussy old things, who love hearing one another speak, but who would be shocked if one of their number were to speak *out*.

LORD PARMOOR is so perfect a representative of the League that a description of him will, with slight variations and a few exceptions, give a good idea of his brother-delegates. The majority of them are Parmoors. Excitable Parmoors, phlegmatic Parmoors, confidential Parmoors, secretive Parmoors, according to temperament and nationality—but always, at bottom, Parmoors.

By nature and by training Baron Parmoor of Frieth is a lawyer. In the days when he was known as Sir Alfred Cripps, K.C., he was the leading ecclesiastical lawyer in England. His knowledge of matters affecting the Church was so vast that he was made Vicar-General of both Canterbury and York. His father wrote the standard work on the Law Relating to Church and Clergy, which has recently been re-edited by his son and dedicated to him—so it runs in the family.

Lord Parmoor.

He started life as a Conservative M.P., then became a Liberal; but until the war, when he commenced to criticise D.O.R.A. in the House of Lords, his sole relationship with Labour lay in the fact that his first wife was a sister of Mrs. Sidney Webb.

It must be admitted, however, that the war upset him. He worried himself into such a state of annoyance over it that, in order to calm himself down, he had to do something drastic. He did it. After many confabulations with Sidney Webb, prolonged into the early hours, he decided to change his Party for the second time.

This earthquake turned him into an anti-war crusader.

AND so he will get on splendidly with all the dear old ladies at Geneva.

They will chatter away, and drink tea, and form themselves into committees, and talk scandal about those naughty Balkans, and read the minutes of the last meeting, and prepare the agenda for the next meeting, and say some terribly daring things about the late war—and forget, in the excitement of these delightful interchanges, that the next war is being prepared under their noses.

BRINGING HOME THE BACON

RUSSIA must first of all settle up with her creditors, urges this eminent authority. The value of the loan that will follow this settlement will then accrue to the lenders by actual repayment, by opening the Russian market to British goods and by assuring adequate food-supplies to this country

by SIR GEORGE PAISH (*Adviser to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Treasury on Financial and Economic Questions, 1914-1916*)

IF Europe is essential to Russia, Russia is equally essential to Europe. In the current year the interdependence of Russia and Europe is likely to be acutely realised. The world's crop conditions are now unfavourable, and should they not soon show improvement, Europe is likely to have a very sharp reminder of the effect of leaving Russia to recover as best she can with no outside assistance.

In pre-war days when the crops of the whole world were short the hidden reserves of Russia became available. The importance of Russia to Europe is evident when one recollects that before the war about 40 per cent. of Europe's food imports came from Russia. The nation which, prior to the war, supplied Europe with four hundred million bushels of grain on an average is now able to supply practically none.

Should the world's crop prove to be as short as now seems likely, the dearness of bread in Britain will be a matter very difficult for those, who are in part responsible for our failure to assist Russia in recent years, to explain to the British people. The world's food situation at the end of the war demanded that every possible step should be taken to restore Russia's productive and exporting power at the earliest moment possible.

Why your food is dear.

But Russia is also important to Europe financially. In consequence of the lack of Russian supplies since 1914, Europe has been dependent upon the United States as never before, and inasmuch as America is a great manufacturing nation, Europe has met with unprecedented difficulty in paying America.

In no small degree has the depreciation in the currencies of Europe, including the British pound, resulted from this difficulty. In the last ten years Europe has had to borrow vast sums in the United States and to send to New York all the gold it could collect. Moreover, the lack of Russian supplies raised prices of food-stuffs, textiles and oil.

In the past year food has been relatively cheap and plentiful, but this has been due not to lack of need, but to lack of buying power. When nations cannot afford to buy they have to go without. Nevertheless, the drain of gold to America has gone on, is still going on, and must continue to go on until Russia is able to produce again and to export.

While America does not need to buy Europe's manufactured goods, Russia both needs and wishes to buy. When Europe is able to pay in goods for the food and material she requires then the drain of gold to America will cease, and the European nations will be able to stabilise their currencies, increase their incomes, adjust their budgets and restore their credit.

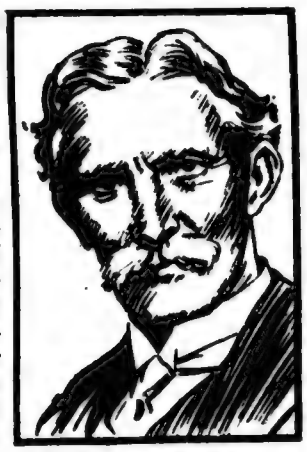
A Shop without Customers.

Nor is the influence of Russia upon Europe's fortunes confined to the economic and financial. The Russian situation has a very potent influence upon political conditions. One of the most disturbing of the problems is that of Reparations. That Germany has been unable to pay reparations has not been due to her lack of productive power, but to her lack of selling power. Her chief customers have been unable to buy.

Moreover, the nations from which she herself needed to buy in the absence of Russian supplies have been unwilling to buy her goods in return. Hence, the German people have been unable to pay any substantial sum for reparations, or to procure sufficient food or clothing.

The Key to the Problem.

One of the greatest of Germany's customers is Russia, who, in pre-war days, supplied her with vast quantities of food and material in exchange for manufactured goods. How will it be possible to solve the German Reparation Problem until Russia is restored? Is it not obvious that Germany must compete more keenly than ever in the markets which hitherto have been British, unless her own particular customers are restored? And must not this German competition with Great Britain become extreme if Germany has not only to pay for what she urgently needs to buy, but also to sell vast quantities of goods in order to make reparation payments?



Sir George Paish.

And what will be the political situation, and with it the business situation, if Germany is unable to pay reparations and France maintains her occupation of the Ruhr and the Rhineland? In a vague and general way these all-important reasons for restoring Russia have long been recognised by the statesmen of Europe and of the Entente nations. They undoubtedly helped to induce Mr. Lloyd George, when Prime Minister, to agree to invite the Soviet Government to attend the Conference at Genoa on European reconstruction. The responsibility for the long delay cannot be laid altogether at the door of the Russian Government.

It would be wrong for anyone to assume that the Soviet Government was not ready to recognise the pre-war Governmental and Municipal obligations of Russia. It has been ready to do this at any time during the last three years. The cause of the delay has been the unwillingness of the Entente, including Great Britain, to grant credit for Russia's restoration and without which restoration will be exceedingly slow and difficult.

Muddle-headed Statesmanship.

Had the Entente statesmen understood that it would be more disastrous to leave Russia unrestored than to restore her, doubtless they would have acted more promptly and in a generous spirit. Moreover, had they realised that failure to grant credit to Russia entailed both the continued impoverishment of Russia and of their own nations they would have acted differently. They have mistaken the shadow for the substance.

They feared that the restoration of Russia would give an impetus to communism. They did not realise that the revolution in Russia was born of the misery of the Russian people, and that had any other nation been subjected to the same degree of suffering it would have been equally revolutionary. Misery alone renders propaganda effective. Prosperity is the surest antidote.

True, the revolutionary government of Russia was not only opposed to autocracy; it was opposed to capitalism. But when the Government of Russia asked for a credit from the Entente nations it had already begun to understand that the misfortunes of Russia were not due to capital. It had adopted a new economic policy by which it hoped to work in partnership with capital. It had realised that while capital is a bad master, it is a good servant, and that the capitalist system is not responsible for the misfortunes of the Russian people.

Had the Entente statesmen grasped all that was implied in the new economic policy of Russia, and at the same time had understood the economic interdependence of Russia and Europe, they would surely have acceded to the repeated requests of the Russian Government for credit to fight the famine and to restore Russia.

Russia Must Pay Her Debts.

In view of the situation that has arisen in consequence of the negotiations that have taken place in London this year, two things need to be clearly stated. First of all, that the recognition of her debts by Russia is a matter of secondary but not of prime importance.

The matter of the first importance is the reconstruction of Russia and the restoration of her food production in order that Great Britain and the other nations of Europe may be secure from food shortage which they cannot be until Russia's great contribution to the food-supply of Europe is again forthcoming. This matter is paramount.

The second is the restoration of Russia's power to buy the goods of Europe, including those of Great Britain in exchange for the exports of food and material she can supply to Europe.

The problem of debt repayment is subsidiary to these two major problems. The creditors of Russia should, therefore, be caused to realise that there must be no undue delay on their part in presenting their claims, and in arriving at a reasonable settlement.

The Coming Trade Boom.

None the less, it is essential for the Governments both of Great Britain and of Russia to realise that a reasonable settlement of the claims of the foreign creditors of Russia will greatly increase the rapidity with which it will be possible to restore her productive power, and to bring about that great expansion of trade which will inevitably follow from the development of her immense natural resources.

Moreover, it is essential for the Governments to understand that Russia will be able to obtain capital to the extent that her resources and opportunities entitle her only when British investors are willing to supply it without the British Government's guarantee, because they have complete confidence in the good faith of the Russian people and of the Russian Government. The need for a guaranteed credit to Russia arises simply from the lack of this confidence at present. A just, indeed, a generous settlement of Russia's obligations to British creditors and to British owners of property in Russia will materially help to create this confidence.

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Human Documents.

Secret Sorrows of Wifehood

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"I MET my husband when I had just come from the country to a town to find work, after being well brought up by a loving father. My mother was dead and there was a stepmother, and as we did not "hit it" together I was sent to work. My father died a few years after, leaving me money, which I could not touch until I was twenty-five.

"I had a cousin in the town who kept an hotel. I first met my husband at her house. He took me home once or twice. He had been told by my step-sister about my money, and I believed all he said about love. After twelve months' acquaintance I found I was in trouble.

"We married for the sake of the child—we were never joined together by God. I knew we should never get on together, and I soon found out how mean-spirited my husband was. He frightened me to death—not by hitting me, but he seemed to overpower my mind by bullying. I got in the habit of not living my life at all, but just living his.

"I HAD three children under four years when I was twenty-five. I spent my money on the little home, as we were very poor. I just did what I was told to do, and I have no doubt you will think I was a poor sort. I have thought so since myself. I have always wanted to get away from my husband ever since I was eighteen, and have now turned forty, and am still with him. I have seven children, the youngest two and the eldest over twenty.

"He is not what you call a bad man—he looks after his garden, is a good workman, never loses time of his own accord, yet we all dislike him. He has not been a bad father, but he thinks he can get anything by force; he never gave a loving word or a little praise in his life, and looks on every action, even if kindly meant, with suspicion. I feel as if I must have a little of my life to live my own way just to shake off this feeling that I *must* do this or that.

"THE truth is I want to leave my husband and be free. My children who are old enough are with me, but I cannot act. Every time I think about it I look at my home and my chicks, and feel that I shall have to go on to the end of time with someone I not only can't love, but actually dislike.

"I had three years' happiness while he was at the war. I went to work all the time and earned a good wage and came home to six children, the eldest at home being a girl of fourteen. My eldest son was sixteen and a half, and went as a soldier and was away two years; so you will see I have got some spirit away from my husband. I have been to work on and off all my married life, and although he calls me a dud and brainless, he always sends me after any work he may want.

"I have never had any life, and I am fast getting to the end of the journey, but I have had great joy in my children when they were young. Now they are older, they are of very mixed natures, and we don't all "hit it."

"Am I entitled to study myself now I am older, and could I make him keep me as I am not as strong as I used to be, although I still look quite young?"

"Humanist" says:—*Not all of us enjoy perfect happiness, either in domestic life, or in our work. But the great thing is to make the most of what we can get. In your case, you have your children. It would be a great wrench for you to go now and live alone—apart from mere financial questions. I think you err in dwelling so much on the past. Your despondency does you harm and perhaps reacts on your husband. Try to make the best of things: happiness comes from within rather than from without. Help your husband by being cheerful and affectionate. You will be surprised at the result. Few men can resist generous kindness, or fail to appreciate it.*

"MY friend has been my fellow worker for three years as an assistant in a haberdashery shop, owned by a widow who is in a rather bad financial position at present. My friend receives a better salary than I, and the owner trusts her implicitly. Recently I found out that she stole a few articles, amounting to over £1. The theft will not be discovered, as the owner is not a very good business woman, and has no idea of the stock she has—relying entirely upon her two assistants.

Theft and Shame

"The only way I discovered the theft was whilst we were living together in the same lodgings—I saw the articles and recognising them as belonging to the shop, I tackled her on the subject. She then confessed and said she stole them from the shop. I have entreated her to return the articles, but she says that by doing so it is the surest way of being discovered—which would mean the loss of her situation and her undying shame.

"She truly regrets her action, and will not make use of the articles, but she definitely refuses to do what I think is only the right thing. I know she will be taking a risk if she returns them, as a customer came in only a few days ago wanting to purchase a blouse of the same type my friend had stolen. The owner, after having enquired if there were still any left, told the customer that these blouses were out of stock.

"I believe that these articles could be returned, and my friend could tell the owner that they had been mislaid; but she is afraid of losing her situation, and says she will do her best to make up for the amount of the articles by working harder in the shop than usual and trying to recommend customers."

"Humanist" says:—*If she truly repents her action that is the main thing—though I do not believe there is any risk in returning the stolen goods. My advice is to take that risk: she will be much happier if she does the right thing. But if she is afraid, she can equalise things morally if she does make special efforts—though she ought in any case to do her best.*

"I HAVE been engaged to a man for four years and we are very much in love. We just wait for the day when we can get married and make each other happy. My fiancé's mother has been a widow for eight years, and as there are others in the family to look after—which prevents her from working—my fiancé has, of course, been the sole support, so that up to the present we have been unable to get married.

A Mother in Danger

"Six months ago a commercial traveller happened to be recommended to my fiancé's mother for lodgings, and judging by the remarks I guessed the family liked him.

"Now he has asked my fiancé's mother to marry him, and she knows it will relieve us, and also help the other children. But about a week after I had known this man I knew his true character. A girl whom I met has told me that she knows this man to be a thorough scoundrel. He really killed his first wife through his cruelty, and he is also the father of a poor deformed girl's baby.

"I know it would mean a great shock to my fiancé's mother if I told her this, as she already thinks a good deal of him; but I think if she knew she would turn him away at once. On the other hand, if I do tell her, it will mean that my fiancé and I cannot get married, and he is so full of plans for our future that I feel like making a bid for our happiness."

"Humanist" says:—*I should want better evidence than casual hearsay before I believed the charges against a man who has been six months living with a nice family, and that family likes him. Advise your fiance to make such enquiries—without telling his mother the stories told you—as will protect her if the man is a known blackguard. That ought not to be difficult. I only hope you will be proved wrong. If not, your prospective mother-in-law must be protected.*

Bedridden Husband.

"My husband is bedridden and very querulous. Am I justified in leaving him, and taking the children away with me?"

I cannot understand a wife contemplating the desertion of her husband when he most needs her care and sympathetic patience. It is for you to think of him—not of yourself.

A Turner Find.

"A friend of mine has a picture which he believes is a Turner. A Bond Street dealer tells him it is not. Accidentally I have learned that the dealer really thinks it is. The information is confidential. What should I do?"

You need betray no confidences. Simply tell your friend to get an independent and expert opinion. That will "put him wise."

Real Brothers.

"A younger brother of mine, short of money, took some from the cash box in his office—where I also work. Unknown to him I discovered the transaction the day before the audit, made good the loss, and saved my brother from a fall."

You did well, but you should let your brother know that you were responsible for his safety, else he might think he can tamper with the cash with impunity in the future.

Evening of Life.

"My father is old and unable to work, and I have brought him to stay with me in my home. But my wife objects to this—and I cannot afford to board him out elsewhere. I feel I cannot desert him in the evening of life."

Of course you cannot. You are playing a son's part in looking after your father. Try to get your wife to see it in this light. Some day she may be forced to take refuge in a son's home. It is the way of life.

Imprudent Marriage.

"My friend's fiancé is out of work, has no prospect of employment and proposes to marry and then emigrate to Canada in the hope of finding work there. Neither my friend nor her future husband is physically strong. What can I do to prevent such a foolish step?"

Try to point out the folly of such a move. Work is as scarce in Canada as here. Only physically fit people are allowed to enter in any case. Let them wait a little longer till things get better here.

Religion and Marriage.

"My sweetheart is a Catholic and I am a Protestant. Even before we are married, this difference is causing us trouble—although we dearly love each other."

Talk over your religious differences and face possible consequences. Usually the trouble comes afterwards when there are children, and it would be wise to make up your minds beforehand what course you would pursue in that event.

The Girl in Trouble.

"A girl who worked beside me got into 'trouble,' and was expecting a baby. Our employer discovered the truth and dismissed her without a reference. Out of spite she is blaming him for her condition, although she has confided to me that her cousin was responsible."

It is a serious thing falsely to accuse a man of wrong-doing with his employees. Plead with the girl to tell the truth and save an innocent man from scandal.

A Fanatical Husband.

"My husband's views and mine do not coincide. The priestess of his 'religion' has been in an asylum, and I am afraid my husband's brain is also being turned. His manner is so strange at times. I cannot be happy. Should I leave him and support myself?"

No. Be patient. If your husband is to be cured at all you have the greatest opportunity of using your influence by staying with him. You say the woman in question has already been in the asylum—very probably she will return.

Words Winged to Women

Mysteries for Women

by MABEL HORNER

WHY is it that foreign politics is always looked upon as something very mysterious and difficult? For that reason thousands of otherwise intelligent persons are content to leave their management entirely in the hands of professional diplomats and experts—and suffer in consequence.

With women this aloofness from foreign affairs is particularly marked.

Mrs. Swanwick, President Women's International League, and Substitute Delegate to the League of Nations.

The fact of their enfranchisement has made little difference. Domestic politics, the law that governs themselves, their children, and their housing and educations, these are urged as their rightful and natural concern, but when it comes to foreign affairs, the very mention of the word is enough to scare most women.

BUT this is by no means wise. The state of home affairs is tempered by foreign affairs at any given moment. Our relationships with other countries affect every woman in the living of her daily life.

The house mother suffers when relationships between our country and any other become strained. Let any woman old enough to have been housekeeping during the period of the great war think back upon the bareness of her cupboard shelves at that period, and she will not need to have this statement further explained.

The truth is that every woman dealing with the usual commodities of everyday life in the ordering of her family and home, is concerned in the country's foreign and domestic affairs.

From every marketing excursion the housewife brings home samples of the whole world's products.

And the price of all these things, which naturally is obliged to be the working housewife's first care, is controlled by foreign politics.

It is this interchange of goods between countries which makes it all important that every woman in possession of a vote should be interested in treaties that are drawn up between nations, and should try to understand what they mean.

AFTER all, the ancient teaching that it is impossible to hurt one member of the body without all the other members suffering with it is as true of foreign politics as of affairs nearer home. If a foreign worker is oppressed, or over-taxed, the reducing of his standard of living has an immediate action on conditions of work, and prices here at home.

If a woman in a foreign cotton mill does not get the proper remuneration for her toil, the women toiling in the Lancashire cotton mills find their work cheapened also.

If the laws are lax and allow small groups of profit-makers to control our necessaries of daily life then the effects of such profiteering is apparent in the lowered standard of living of every British worker's child.

We women, if we wish to justify our possession of the vote, must wake up. We must take an interest in the doings of Parliament when Treaties between ourselves and other countries are being framed. We must study the question of taxation, how and whence the money which runs the country is obtained.

And above all, we must learn to take a wide view and never again be content to leave foreign politics entirely in the hands of men because they are "difficult and mysterious." With all the wonders of science uniting to annihilate boundaries and distance our children will have more opportunities than we have enjoyed of seeing the world. Many of them will settle in other countries.

If we have taken all the share we can in making relationships between ourselves and those other countries easy and pleasant, we can leave the future to our children with a more serene mind. Remember, the seeds of the future are being sown now.

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and Topical Jingles

by FRANK HOLLAND

"Go on," says John, "I'll follow on,
I'm badly pinched for pelf;
If you can get your war-time debt
I might get some myself."

Their pre-war toast was "To the Day!"
But that time's long gone by;
To-day they boast another toast
And now drink "To the Dye!"

When in its grave the hatchet lies
You'd think they would respect it,
Yet seemingly before our eyes
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Do the Jockeys Decide

"Ring" Rumours—Cesarewitch News—French Horses—Nightingall's

A LEADING jockey was booed recently for alleged bad riding. A well-known owner who races extensively in the North and Midlands was so dissatisfied at a certain incident which took place at Nottingham that he contemplated disposing of all his horses. So far he has not done so, and I hope that he will change his mind.

These incidents may only be straws blowing in the wind, but they show that the Stewards need to take a firmer grip of the reins.

A Jockey Ring.

I have heard tales from many quarters recently that a "jockey ring" is still in force, and that many of the minor races are all over before the tapes go up. The jockeys concerned, so I am told, are amassing small fortunes.

I take these yarns with a grain of salt. For one reason the Stewards are more alive nowadays than most punters think. For another, sooner or later rogues always fall out and one of the jockeys would be sure to give himself and his pals away.

Beaten by an Unknown Lad.

The last time I heard of a race being framed up was during the jumping season early this year. I received a telephone call, and was told that the first race was to be won by a prominent hurdle jockey.

As it happened he was second. The race was captured by an unknown lad riding for the first time. The winner's price was 100 to 6, and this "jockey ring" retired hurt. They had left the unknown lad out of their calculations.

Cesarewitch News.

Next week I shall give my final selection for the first of the big Autumn Handicaps. If all goes well with him in the meantime it will probably be Jazz Band, with a saver on Rose Prince. The Stayers' Handicap at Gatwick revealed Savernake as possessing an excellent chance, and he is sure to be one of the short-priced horses on the day of the race.

The French Horses.

A well-known French sporting writer says there is no need to fear that any of the animals trained on the other side of the Channel will emulate the feat of Rose Prince. They are not handicapped to win and his countrymen, who bet to large money, are pinning their faith to Rose Prince, Keror, Bolet Satan and Forseti.

Keep off the Cambridgeshire.

Wise punters will leave the Cambridgeshire severely alone for the time being. It is one of the most open races we have had for years, and the coughing epidemic is only making matters more complicated. Grave Fairy is a good each-way bet, and I should be tempted to go outright for the mare but for the fact that an aged horse has not won the race since 1874. The Cambridgeshire is generally won by a good three-year-old.

All but the Welsh.

I was very pleased to see Henri win the Scottish Derby for Mr. Walter Raphael, almost by the length of a street. I knew the colt had improved a great deal recently and, consequently, made him one of my code selections. At one time Mr. Raphael used to race on a large scale, but Fate has not been too kind to him of late years. In the good old days he won the English and the Irish Derbies. Henri has completed a unique treble for him.

THIS WEEK'S SELECTIONS

Newmarket, Wednesday,
EQUATOR, HENRI.
Newmarket, Thursday,
SQUARSON, HEVERSWOOD.
Newmarket, Friday,
KOLINSKY, APPLAUSE.
Thirsk, Friday,
MILLION, B.D.A.
Thirsk, Saturday,
MULLEIN, FRENCH BEAN.
Alexandra Park, Saturday,
GLENDUN, PADDY.

Tubed Horses Should be Warned Off.

I notice that Despatch, a half-brother to Tom Pinch, has recently been tubed. The experiment has not worked wonders, for he finished last to Mr. Bliss. It will be a good move on the part of the Jockey Club when they refuse to allow tubed horses to compete in races. The operation is not a pleasant one, and I do not think that any two-legged runner who was asked to do the hundred yards in under ten seconds would care for a length of silver piping to be inserted in his throat. I know I should object.

Nightingall's Wonderful Bargain.

When Willie Nightingall purchased Harrovian from Sir Walter Gilbey for 70 odd guineas he could not have realised that he was picking up a wonderful money-spinner. In 1922 and 23 Harrovian ran on ten occasions, and failed to win once. This year Nightingall has captured nine races with the son of Nassovian — three over jumps and six on the flat—and he is improving every day. The stake money of his last success, at Windsor, was eight hundred guineas, and the stable won a packet as well. This reminds me of the amazing purchase of Comrade, who changed hands as a yearling for twenty-five guineas, and won nearly every race in which he ran, including the Grand Prix.

William Nightingall who purchased Harrovian for 70 gns.

£35,000 for Filibert.

Filibert de Savoie, the famous French stayer, who just failed to win the Ascot Gold Cup, has changed hands for just over £35,000. Evidently money is not so tight in France.

Never Again.

A week or so ago I was foolish enough to write a paragraph saying that a young lady, who was particularly hard up, asked

SELECTIONS FOR OCTOBER 11.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION I.
HOME WINNERS.
Blackburn, *Bolton, *Huddersfield, *Newcastle *Sheffield United, *Spurs, *West Bromwich, *W. Ham.
DRAWS.
*Birmingham v. Aston V., Everton v. Sunderland, *Notts County v. Cardiff.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION II.
HOME WINNERS.
*Blackpool, *Chelsea, *Coventry, *Derby, *Leicester, *Manchester U., *Portsmouth.
AWAY WINNERS.
Bradford C., Southampton.
DRAWS.
*Hull v. Barnsley, *Stoke v. Wednesday.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION III. (Southern).
HOME WINNERS.
*Brighton, *Bristol Rovers, *Exeter, *Luton, Merthyr, Millwall, *Swansea.
AWAY WINNER.
*Northampton.
DRAWS.
*Bournemouth v. Bristol City, Brentford v. Queen's P.R., Gillingham v. Swindon.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION III. (Northern).
HOME WINNERS.
*Ashington, *Barrow, *Bradford, *Darlington, *Doncaster, Nelson, *Southport.
AWAY WINNERS.
*Accrington, Chesterfield.
DRAWS.
*Grimsby v. Halifax, New Brighton v. Lincoln.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.
HOME WINNERS.
*Airdrie, *Celtic, *Dundee, *Hibs., Kilmarnock, *Motherwell, *Partick, Third Lanark.
AWAY WINNERS.—Rangers.
DRAW.
Falkirk v. Hamilton.

(For coupon purposes nap selections are marked with an asterisk.)

A Tip for Football

NO sooner had I shown that the new "Injured Players" rule will frequently operate unfairly unless referees give some latitude, than I saw a case in point. The inside-left in attempting to make a pass to his wing man kicked the ball into the stomach of the opposing right back, and badly winded him.

Play, however, was not stopped, and the ball rebounded to the forward, who, with his opponent helpless, had a clear course for goal and he very easily scored. In other words, one side was practically presented with a goal, and yet one of its own players was the direct cause of the accident.

Surely the rule was not meant to apply to cases like this.

A Cheap Lot.

West Bromwich Albion have set other clubs a badly needed example. While some of their older players have been getting into the scre and yellow, the management has been bringing along new blood, and of the present first team only one had to be paid for.

The rest were all discovered in the locality.

Bad Finishing.

The Villa forwards ought to be given an hour's shooting practice every day.

It is heart-breaking to their supporters to see the line doing nearly everything they like in the middle of the field and then finish like a lot of novices.

They certainly averaged two goals per match in their first six games, but about the cleverest lot of forwards in the game, as a whole I mean, were dead off the target when I recently saw them.

An Insult.

The South Africans were mildly annoyed when Chelsea fielded a weak team against them.

The point is that when a team embarks on a long journey for the sole purpose of improving the standard of the play in its own country, it ought to be given every facility to achieve its object.

Chelsea's idea of obliging the tourists was to put nearly a complete reserve team in the field, and this happily got it in the neck. It wouldn't be more than even money against the full strength of Chelsea beating the South Africans, and if the club did not intend to take the fixture seriously, it should never have made it.

May be Capped.

I am told the F.A. Selection Committee have got their eyes on Alf Baker of the Arsenal.

Baker was never a wonderful half-back, but he has developed enormously

the Winners ?

Wonderful Bargain—Verdict's Next Race

me to send her a tip to cover her holiday exes., and that I had done so. Since then I have been flooded with stamp-addressed envelopes. I cannot send out any more free tips. Follow the code selections.

Verdict's Next Race.

It has been decided that whether or not Verdict wins the Cambridgeshire, the filly will take her chance in the Duke of York Handicap, and a very bright one it is. Verdict, if she wins either of these races, will be the most popular handicap success for many a long day. I believe we shall see Soldumeno backed for the Kempton race, but he is no favourite of mine.

HORSES TO FOLLOW

Polyanna.—A rush of money at the last minute for this Polymelus filly caused her to start second favourite for the Quickly Handicap at Windsor, and I consider she was unlucky to lose to Razor by a neck. Polyanna will make amends next time out.

Carryduff.—So far this season Carryduff has cost his followers a small fortune, but they backed him again heavily to win the Royal Windsor Handicap, and were very unlucky not to collect. Give him one more chance, particularly at Newmarket. The course will suit him.

Prerogative.—If money really talks, this Royal Realm filly should have won The Merry Wives Nursery Handicap at Windsor. She was backed like a certainty, but after running very fast for five furlongs she faded away. Back her over short cuts.

Bombino.—Gilbert is a patient trainer and he has not lost hope of winning a race with this gelding who has failed in nine successive races. Bombino ran a fine race against Treviso for the Oadby Handicap at Leicester, but the distance, a mile and a quarter, was not far enough for him. He is certain to win a mile and a half event shortly. His sire, Bomba, won the Ascot Gold Cup in 1909.

Drake.—Mrs. Sofer Whitburn will capture another race with Drake before long. The son of Sir Eager has been knocking at the door in his recent outings. Many good judges are still of the opinion that he beat Heverswood at Doncaster The man who mattered gave the race to Heverswood by a short head.

Sandyford.—You can never go far wrong if you follow up horses which are gambled on heavily and fail. One of the biggest "jobs" of the season was upset when this youngster ran unplaced to Evana.

Golden Sprite.—Be on the look-out for this filly. Although she won at 100 to 8 last time out she was "expected."

Dowser.—Cottrill bought Dowser in July after the gelding had won at Leicester. He has not yet succeeded in getting his purchase money back, but he is trying the gelding over five-furlong courses instead of six, and the experiment will probably prove successful before long. Dowser finished fourth to Katie last week, but was not a length behind the winner.

"SILVER RING"

"JOHN BULL'S" CODE.

Two coded selections will be given daily in the following papers —

Sporting Life, Sheffield Early Bird, Glasgow Noon Record, Sporting Man, Birmingham Sporting Buff, Birmingham Mail, Sporting Pink, Portsmouth Sporting Mail, Liverpool Sports Express, Mid-day Sporting Special, Bristol Times and Mirror, Cork Examiner, Aberdeen Sporting Express, Western Mail, Irish Independent, The Irish News, Sporting Chronicle and Chronicle Mid-day (Manchester).

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How to read the code:—In place of the letters or figures advertised in the daily papers read those above or below the line, as the case may be. H G U Q Z R 2 Z 2 J would read BOLET SATAN.

This code will be changed in next week's JOHN BULL. It covers the racing from October 1 to October 7, inclusive.

Referees

Where the new rule is unfair.

at full back, and I am told he has touched the top class in his displays this season.

He is sure to be given a trial in one of the forthcoming representative matches, and I am told we can expect to see Elkes of the Spurs tried out in the centre-half position. It was a touch of the real Peter McWilliam to see the possibilties of Elkes as a pivot.

Pompey and Promotion.

They are beginning to hope for first division football in Portsmouth next season. It was a splendid start to get eight out of a possible ten points and concede only a couple of goals.

Celtic and Rangers got into the third week of September without a defeat, which is not bad going even for two such exalted clubs, but Morton are having a rotten time, very nearly the worst in the history of the club.

But the good start of Cowdenbeath has been the surprise of the competition so far, and the other promoted club, St. Johnstone, are very nearly satisfied with what they have done.

Cut It Out.

I see no new attempt by any clubs to order their players not to shake hands with the scorer of a goal.

West Bromwich is the only team I know in which this childishness is barred, and I think the Football Association would not be going outside its province were it to make a pronouncement on the subject.

The majority of the amateur players ridicule such ostentatious congratulations, and they are right in doing so.

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"BULLETS" FIRST PRIZE
Closing Week.

Tip Comes Off.

My tip to keep an eye on Hamilton Academicals was not a bad one. They dropped only four points in their first seven matches, and while it is fair odds against them winning the Scottish League championship, they may finish in the first three.

WEEK-END COUPS.

My coups for this week-end are:—

7 HOME.—Cardiff, Everton, Sunderland, Wednesday, Plymouth, Accrington, Hamilton.

5 HOME.—Orient, Palace, Swindon, Bradford, Hearts.

3 AWAY.—Sheffield U., Blackpool, Darlington.

3 DRAWS.—Villa v. Huddersfield, Southampton v. Chelsea, St. Mirren v. Hibs.

3 HOME, 2 AWAY.—Cardiff, Sunderland, Orient, Blackpool, Darlington.

1 HOME, 1 AWAY, 1 DRAW.—Wednesday, Sheffield U., Northampton v. Swansea.

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Our Letter Parliament

The Great Beer Swindle

Our Readers Air their Views on this and other Subjects

Mr. Bung—Plunderer.

Profiteers of all kinds who have amassed fortunes in time of war are despicable, but Mr. Bung beats them all, and is well termed "The Prince of Profiteers," a plunderer of the public, unworthy of any respect whatsoever. The fact that is most galling about the beer ramp is that it mainly affects the poor man, insomuch as "a glass of beer" comprises one of the very few pleasures that is within his grasp, and it is scandalous that he should so dearly pay for it. It is high time Mr. Bung was ousted.—*H. Dinnie, S.E.*

A Drinker's Strike.

It is well said that we have to pay for our pleasures if the drinking of present-day beer is a pleasure! For this awful concoction we are paying through the nose with a vengeance, and the remarkable figures given in Mr. Gardiner's article should make every Briton think. Here is a ramp, indeed—a glorious ramp from the brewers' point of view. If we could have a strike of beer-drinkers something might be done to improve our beverage and lower the cost.—*H. L. P., London, W.*

One Man's Laugh.

Beer must be regarded primarily as a luxury; it is not an essential of life. Why then all this pother about the price and quality of it when there are more important things to think about? From the point of view of profiteering alone, I certainly agree that your contributor's figures are a bit staggering, but as a non-drinker of beer I can only say that I have not helped to add to the brewers' profits! If men want to go on being fools and lining other people's pockets, they will do so—despite the price!—*James Peace, Cardiff.*

The Wife's Plea.

As a working man's wife I should like to thank Mr. Gardiner for his outspoken article on the beer ramp. It is quite time the general public realised the way in which they are being fleeced. Beer is primarily the poor man's drink, and unless and until the facts are brought boldly to his notice he will continue to part with his hard-earned wages without question, while in many cases his household has to go short of actual necessities. You have done a public service in exposing the outrageous profits of the brewers. Good luck to you!—*Mrs. Hendry, Glasgow.*

Beer Taxation.

Mr. Gardiner takes the balance sheets of a number of brewing firms, and, by comparing the net profits with pre-war figures, draws the inference that the brewers are exploiting the public, or, in other words, that the high price of beer is due to the brewers. Now, I think that is a very unfair assertion. I suppose Mr. Gardiner will agree that the smallest reduction in the price of beer which could be made, and which the publican would pass on to the consumer would be 1d. per pint. That was quite clearly established when the various alterations in the beer duty were made. Mr. Gardiner ignores the fact that there is a duty of £4 per barrel on beer, and at 6d. per pint, the selling price over the counter, the entire cost of a barrel of beer to the public is, say, £7 per barrel. The publican has to get his profit, say, £1 a barrel, which leaves £6 for the brewer. Therefore, two-thirds of the cost is taxation, upon which the brewer can effect no economy.—*Edward Bee, London, N. 7.*

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The Roaring Ramp.

Mr. A. G. Gardiner advocates the extension of the Carlisle State Ownership Scheme to the rest of the country, and urges that the brewers "shall no longer be allowed to prey on the consumer." If the Government scheme at Carlisle sold liquor of a good quality at a cheaper rate than the ordinary privately owned public-house, his argument might be sound. Seeing, however, that at Carlisle a poorer quality beer is sold at the same price as a better liquor outside, it will not carry much weight. If the brewers are guilty of exploiting the public, then the Government is.—*Anti-Nationalisation.*

Glorious Beer.

I notice Mr. Gardiner claims that the State experiment at Carlisle, among other things, has reduced drunkenness. As a matter of fact, although it is perfectly true that there has been a reduction in Carlisle, it is equally true that the reduction has been general, and in certain places much greater than in Carlisle. For instance, Sheffield shows a drop from 1,497 in 1913 to 222 in 1922; Wirrall from 258 to 14; Crewe from 67 to 1; Carlisle shows a drop from 237 to 97. When we see the same phenomenon at other places without State ownership, one is surely justified in doubting whether that is the real cause at Carlisle.—*William Leavis, Fleet Street, E.C.4.*

Brewer's Profits.

As a sincere admirer of Mr. A. G. Gardiner, I confess to astonishment at his article on beer. He says that in 1918, the national drink bill was £166,000,000; in 1918, it had risen to £259,000,000, a difference of £93,000,000. Mr. Gardiner says, "Bung pocketed £100,000,000 more than he did in 1918." Has he overlooked the fact that this was not pocketed by Bung but by the State? In 1914-15, the tax on a barrel of beer was increased from 7s. 9d. to 23s.; to 24s. in April, 1916, and to 25s. in April, 1917. This may or may not have been a good thing for Bung, but who fixed the prices? And if Bung was guilty of profiteering, what of the State that had its own breweries and public houses?—*H. E. B., Norbury.*

Mr. Gardiner's Reply.

The comments, friendly and unfriendly, on my article on the Beer question indicate the widespread interest in the subject, and I hope to return to it at length. I must confine this note on the correspondence to two points. I was not, of course, unaware of the share which increased taxation had had in the increased cost of beer; but I was dealing with the ascertained *profits* of the brewers and the enormous increase in the value of brewery shares as the result of the war and post-war events.

The profits of brewery companies rose from £9,970,000 in 1913-14 to £19,000,000 in 1922-23. To whom did that vast increment belong? I claim that it should have gone, not into private pockets, but to the consumer. It is true that it could not have gone to the public in the form of cheaper beer, but my purpose was to show that under public control, as in the case of the Carlisle experiment, the whole of that enormous profit would have reverted to public uses, the alleviation of the burdens of taxation, the carrying out of essential works, and the consequent diminution of unemployment.—*A. G. G.*

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Doctor Quack, M.P.

"A Gentleman with a Duster" insists that the economic salvation of the country would be ensured by the *individuals* cleaning up their own spiritual side, but he should carry his points further. The obvious healers of ills ought logically to be our ministers of the gospel, for who better than they could point out to the different classes the truly Christian attitude towards the modern problems of life? These teachers should take a virile interest in these problems and while educating their sheep should condemn selfishness in any class.—*Kirk Elder, Wick.*

Female Failures.

Women have been, according to Mr. H. G. Wells, singularly ineffective in Parliament. He is correct. As a woman, it has always been my opinion that men are quite competent to look after female rights. There may be—probably are—cases where this is not so, but they are very few and far between. The "new woman" is to be considered—she is a product of bad times and probably is valuable to the community, yet, as an old-fashioned member of the sex, I am all for man in female interests—in Parliamentary affairs, that is.—*Mary S.*

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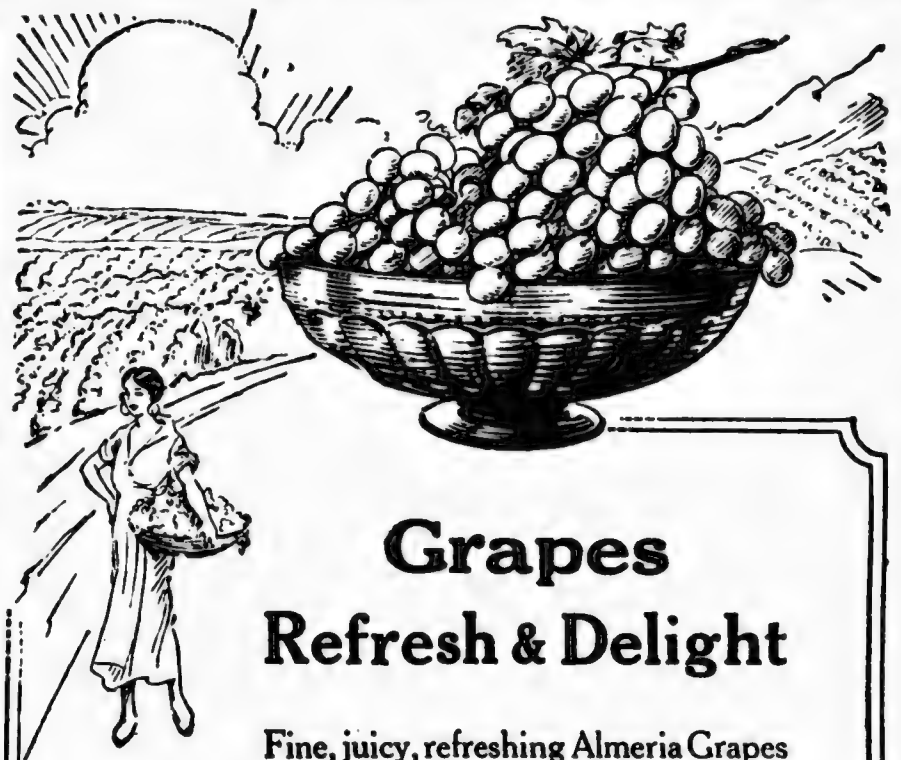

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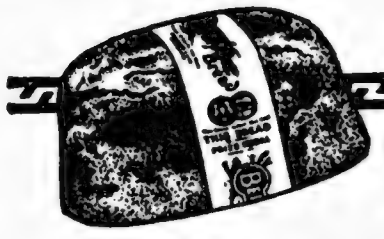

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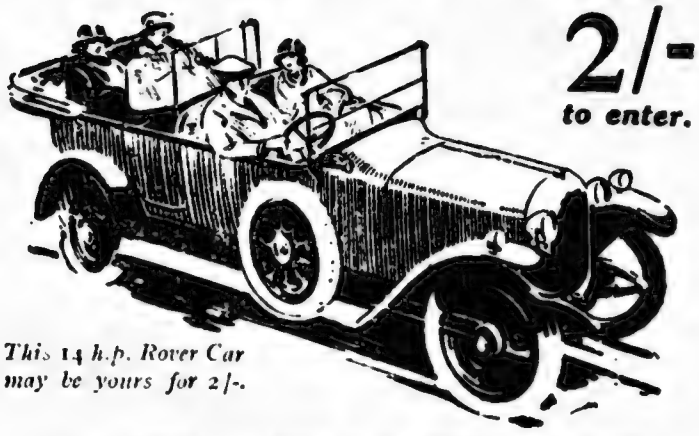

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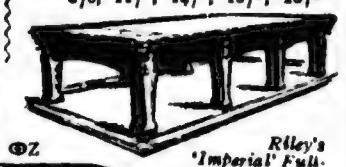

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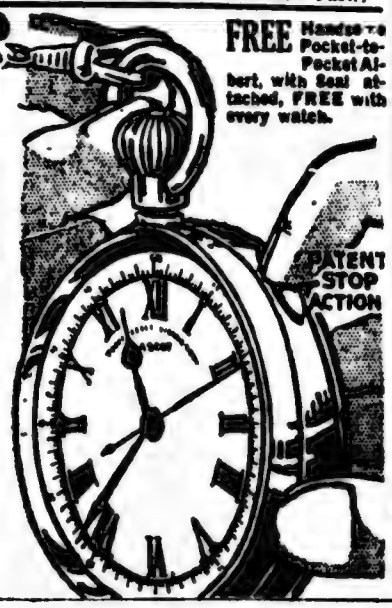

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W. E. (Bradford).—"What do you think of the enclosed article?" We think you've got a fine sense of rumour.

J. N. (Lossiemouth).—"When a man is married he very seldom takes his wife anywhere." Not even into his confidence.

F. J. (Folkestone).—"I am already preparing for Christmas." Getting your waistcoat buttons sewn on more securely?

A. R. (Cardigan).—"Could you advise me how to spend a week in London?" Take a 'bus from Marble Arch to the Bank.

"DOLEFUL" (Widnes).—"A new scheme for helping the unemployed should be devised." And it should be a system to assist em.

F. I. L. (Barnet).—"My poem is an excursion into the land of fancy." It's an excursion, all right. It's on its way back now.

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H. L. (Brixton).—"I bought a duck of a hat the other day." What sort of a bill?

D. C. (Sheerness).—"Honestly, my wife is very foolish." Truly husband and wife are one.

F. J. (Walton-on-Thames).—"Henry Ford is to make aeroplanes." More bolts from the blue!

J. A. G. (Shoeburyness).—"I find Army life boring." Possibly you've been drilled too much.

G. J. (Feltham).—"Our clergyman brings home to us things we haven't seen before." So does our laundry.

T. T. (Sutton).—"Retail butchers are complaining of wholesale prices." They should unite and take joint action.

G. L. Y. (Ramsagte). —"There's nothing like leather." The soles of shoddy foreign boots are something like it.

M. W. (Wakefield).—"Father lost his temper because I upset my tea on the table-cloth." Perhaps he hadn't read it.

L. G. V. (London).—"I must go and see Wembley before it closes." You really must. Otherwise the authorities will be sorry they opened the thing.

C. T. W. (Hatfield). —"Financial jugglers control the money of this country." Look in at any bank and you'll see them balancing the cash.

C. T. (Ely).—"I've had no official recognition for what I've done in the past year." Then you're lucky. The income-tax people find most of us.

D. D. (Rochester).—"The sooner we have a C.O.D. postal service the better." Then the COD methods of unscrupulous mail order firms will have to cease.

T. Y. (Smethwick).—"We have been told that fried fish is one of the most nourishing of foods." That's right! We've often seen it in the paper ourselves.

A. O'C. (Folkestone).—"Prizes in the fox-trot competition were confined to those wearing cotton dresses." A reel would have been more appropriate, wouldn't it?

A. W. (Cape Town).—"I am a Scotsman." We're not tee-total either.

T. Y. (Middleswich).—"You can say what you like——" Thanks. We do.

V. E. (Killarney).—"We've got a most curious maid." We suppose you've plugged all the key-holes?

D. R. (Holt).—"I find the marriage service very misleading." More often it is the Misters who are Miss-led.

B. W. (Leeds).—"You have brought up the question of food prices." In the endeavour to bring them down, yes!

L. D. (Worthing).—"When the police found him he was half-seas over." Then he had to be bailed out, no doubt.

W. Q. (Congleton).—"All the time I am talking, my husband walks about." Poor man! What a number of miles he must do per day!

C. A. F. (W. 2).—"While I was speaking in Hyde Park, I was struck in the face." That, no doubt, made you hold your jaw.

C. H. K. (Chatham).—"Big firms take good care to look after their heads of departments." And the wise ones look after their hands.

J. T. R. (Street).—"With the number of letters you must get, there can't be much time for idling." But great temptation to sleep at our post.

H. M. (Liverpool).—"But, in fairness, it cannot be said that the women of the upper class lack courage." Frequently they certainly show plenty of back-bone.

E. T. (Hardwick).—"All things considered, married life for women is far better now than it was years ago." Simply because women don't marry nowadays until all things *are* considered.

F. G. (Hatfield).—"In olden days, a man did not see his wife till he was married to her." Now the position has been reversed, and he sees very little of her afterwards.

H. G. W. (Lancaster).—"A number of men, between forty and fifty years of age, have lately been given jobs in Government offices." And we thought the idea that a man was too old at forty to work, had been disproved for ever!

H. L. (Swanage).—"Our street is full of bouncing babies." A cruel practice, we think.

C. T. (Finsbury).—"I have given some hard knocks in my time." Watson! a rate-collector.

G. P. (Paddington).—"My lodger slams every door he comes to." A railway porter?

J. McL. (Aberdeen).—"I only drink on rare occasions." We gather that your circle of friends is small.

G. J. R. (London, E.C.).—"A General Election in November is highly probable." More fog!

L. V. (Tottenham).—"Nobody takes the British Facists seriously." That's their initial difficulty.

Mr. SYDNEY LEE (Stockport).—"At last I have experienced the shock of winning a *Bullets* £1,000." It's nothing to watt the winner of the current £1,500 will feel.

LESLIE L. (Dorking).—"Little birds in their nests agree." Yes. They know better than to fall out.

A. C. D. (Peckham).—"Why do all restaurants have jazz bands?" They put the din in dinner.

P. L. D. (Widnes).—"She simply flung herself at his head." These modern dances are very strenuous.

J. L. (Bury).—"How can a man look dignified in an apron?" Easily. Ever see an undignified bishop?

G. J. (Harrow).—"The question of Ireland is always bobbing up." Perhaps because there's Cork on the end of it.

G. K. L. (Tooting).—"Tea, coffee and soup are habitually consumed at far too high a temperature." So we have *heard*.

H. K. (Hammersmith).—"He played ducks and drakes with his money." Determined to be in the swim, we suppose.

L. D. (Shoreditch).—"I bought a pair of boxing gloves the other day." But why do you wear them when you type your letters?

P. C. M. (Alloa).—"Novelties from all over the globe are attracted to Wembley." The arrangements for a summer to be present, however, fell through.

G. W. (Doncaster).—"Most people like to have a bit on occasionally." Fashionable women, however, seem strangely reluctant.

T. T. C. (Mansfield).—"An unskilled labourer has little choice of what sort of work he does." These days he is lucky if he can take his pick.

K. G. (Inverness).—"I had a week's holiday in London and never once got to bed until morning." We suppose a Highlander has to have his fling.

H. T. (Folkestone).—"I often go out fishing at dawn, and bring home fish for breakfast." You must be quite well-known in the market place.

H. D. (Larne).—"After only a week's wear the real value of my new suit was apparent to everyone." Rather a long time to leave the ticket on, wasn't it?

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In our own country, which is no longer, alas, the agricultural El Dorado which it once was, these rustic rejoicings took the form endeared to memory by the sweet sounding name of "Harvest Home," and every farmer, whether squire or yeoman, looked with a kindly eye upon his dependent labourers, and gave them a sumptuous banquet out of the abundance with which the fruits of the earth had furnished him.

The pleasant custom has largely died out in this more commercial age, and is but feebly represented by the Harvest Thanksgiving services held in the churches, in connection with which the produce of the soil is sometimes distributed to the poor and needy.

IT is seasonable at this time, however, to reflect upon the duties of those who have reason to raise thankful voices to the Giver of all good for blessings vouchsafed them towards those who remain in want. Ever since the days of Boaz, who allowed Ruth to glean "even among the sheaves," kindly disposed farmers have permitted their needy neighbours to follow the reapers and pick up the stray ears of corn left lying on the ground.

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Example:—THE NEXT GENERATION
Bullet:—BETTER HALVED THAN STARVED.
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon).

SECOND PRIZE OF £100:

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Example:—IN PERIL
Bullet:—COURAGE OR COWARDICE INFECTIOUS.

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Mr. R. WARD, "Elmsleigh," Thurmaston, Leicester.
Example:—WHAT HENPECK SAID
Bullet:—SHOWED THOUGHT—NOT THOUGHTS.

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Mr. DARBY, 38, High Street, Rowley Regis, B'ham.
Example:—THANKS TO PROFITEERS
Bullet:—LIKE SENDING TAX-COLLECTOR CHRISTMAS-BOX.

FIFTH PRIZE OF £10:

Mr. HUGHES, 103, Woodborough Road, Nottingham.
Example:—FOR PEACE
Bullet:—ENGLAND WASN'T PREPARED EITHER.

10 Prizes of £5 each:

E. A. CROSS, 66, Headingley Avenue, Leeds.
WHAT IS A KISS?—SOMETIMES "SEAL"—SOMETIMES "UNDOING."

P. R. DOWNEY, 10, Mellifont Avenue, Kingstown, Co. Dublin.
THANKS TO PROFITEERS—ANGLERS ADMIT THEIR FAILURES.

M. HARVEY, 2, Ducie Street, Liverpool.
TROUBLE IN THE AIR—"FASTING MAN'S" SUPPER LATE.

E. MARSHALL, 70, Leonard Street, Hull.
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C. W. PALMER, 28, Queen Street, Goldalming.
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G. G. RICHARDS, Elm Villa, Rectory Road, Farnborough, Hants.
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EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" No. 537.

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IF I WERE PRINCE
FOLLOWING RAMSAY
WHAT THE PUBLIC WANTS
WITH A SMILE
WISE HUSBAND
DRAWING THE LINE
FOOD FOR US
POLITICS
SEA OF TROUBLES
CLASS WAR
I WONDER WHY
NATURE'S WAY
LEFT TO ME
FORTUNE'S LADDER
ON OUR RAILWAY
POOR FATHER
WHAT SANDY SAID
PROFITABLE
THE OLD STORY
HER WORLD
ON THE FILMS
A BABY
REDUCED TO TEARS
FREE COUNTRY
PLAYING AT HOME
IN A HUNDRED YEARS
ASKING HER
SPENDING OUR MONEY
A SOUVENIR
TALKING ABOUT WORK
FATE
FOR LOVE
SINCE HE STARTED
MARRIAGE
WHAT WILLIE ASKED
HUMANITY
MY FAMILY
FANNING THE FLAMES
WHAT IS A WOMAN?

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Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
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Bullet _____
Example _____
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